DANCE

TWISTERS

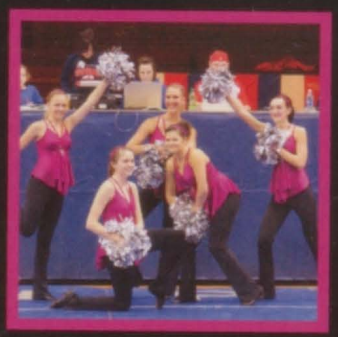
The girls selling funnel cakes at Bean Days for a fundraiser.

MacKenzie Stevens showing off her moves.

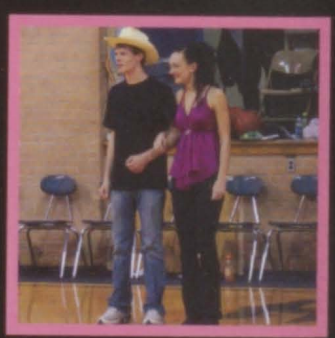
Melissa Sundberg hoping **Jason Church** can remember all the moves.

MacKenzie Stevens, Melissa Sundberg, Nealey Hoffman, Alison Anderson, and Joslyn Blase

The wrestlers showing the girls how it is done.



The dance team poses for a picture after their performance at the wrestling meet.



Alison Anderson hoping that **Tanner Fate** can dance as good as he wrestles.

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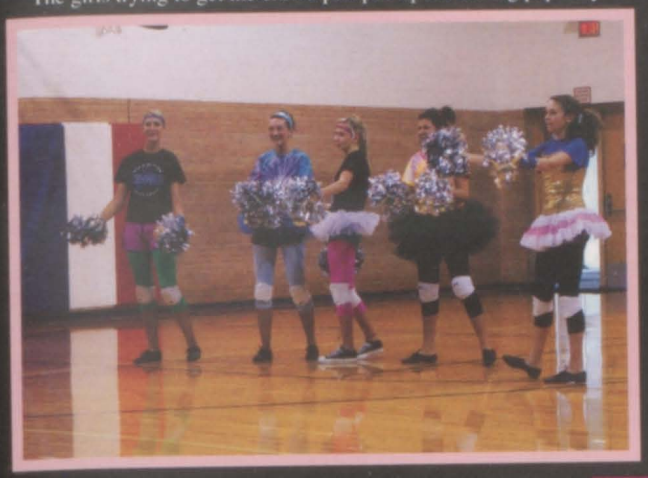
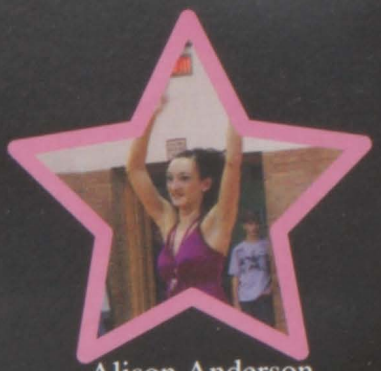
The girls trying to get the crowd pumped up for the big pep rally.



Twisters performing their dance routine for the crowd during a boy's basketball halftime.



Alison Anderson

The dance team jumping for joy as they put an end to another well done performance.

This year's dance team consisted of Nealey Hoffman, Melissa Sundberg, Alison Anderson, Joslyn Blase, and MacKenzie Stevens. The girl's dance instructor was Jodie Blase.

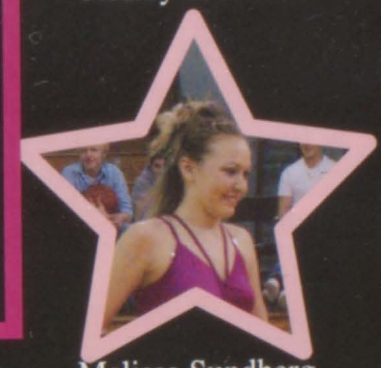
The girls started the year out by performing at Clarks' Bean Days and in addition to dancing, they also sold funnel cakes. They performed at football and basketball games and even wrestling meets.

They danced to a variety of music this year including Cowboy Casanova, where they had a little help from a few of the wrestlers.

Nealey Hoffman

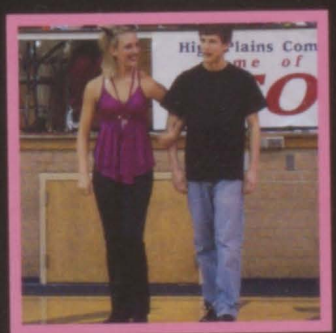
The dance team showing the wrestlers a couple of new moves.

The girls thinking, "Glad we are finally done with that routine.



Melissa Sundberg

Joslyn Blase



Nealey Hoffman a little more excited than **Ian Carson** at the moment.

The dance team performing at Clarks' Bean Days.

MacKenzie Stevens

Fine Arts Honors

CRC Honor Band

Lacey Jarecke - Trumpet
Hannah Lott - Flute
Emily Letcher - Clarinet
Chancy Miller - Flute
Jon Hanquist - Trombone

CRC Honor Choir

Brittany Benkis, Josh Greo,
Sara Church, Evan Graves,
Michaela Majerus, Kinsley Shoup.

Class C All-State Band

Emily Letcher - Clarinet
Jon Hanquist - Trombone

Outstanding Acting Awards

John Oliver, Kinsley Shoup,
Jamee Scherer, Izzy Edson, Ben Schultz

Speech Medalist's at Districts and CRC

Front row: Izzy Edson, Kinsley Shoup,
Kelley Robinson, Courtney Doremus, Zack Hejtmanek.
Back row: Rachel Shotkoski, Lacey Jarecke,
Jamee Scherer, Evan Graves,
Bryan Hohnholt, Josh Greo.

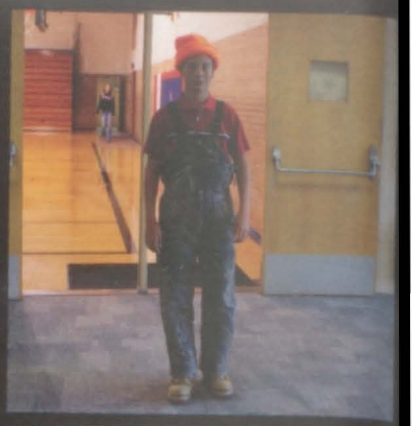
Activities Honors

All-Around Student

Jason Church
and
Hannah Lott

Academic Letter

Kendra Samuelson, Brandon Wood,
Kinsley Shoup, Chancy Miller, Jon Hanquist



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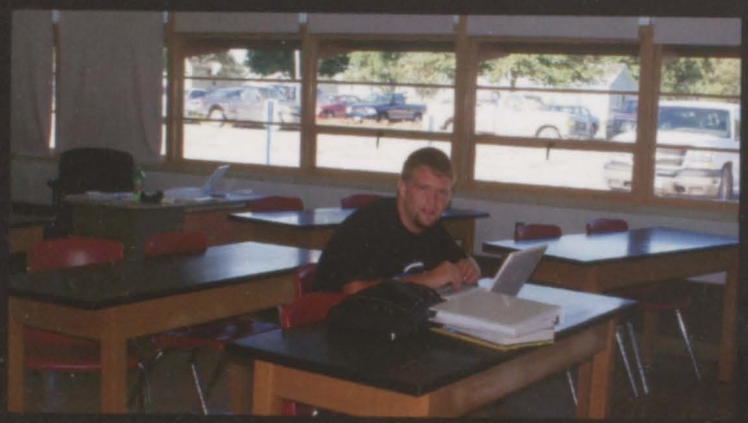

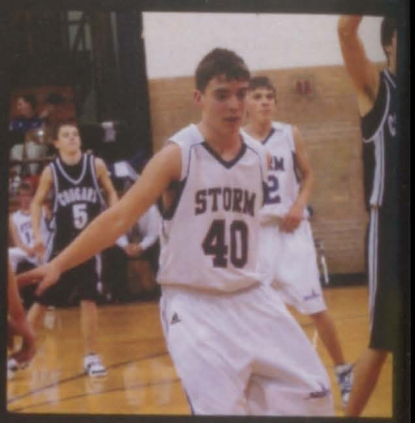

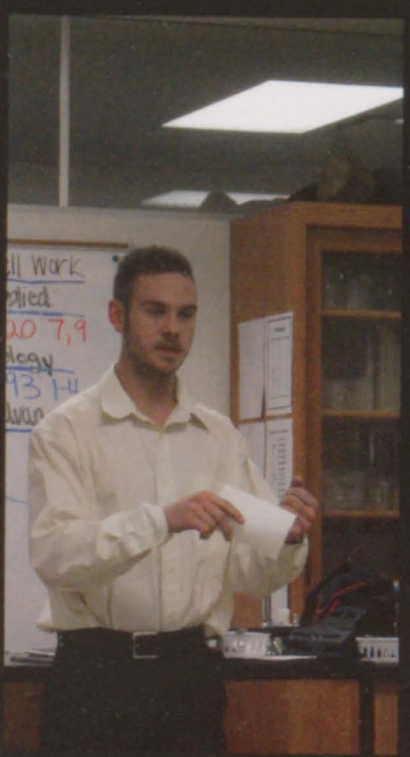

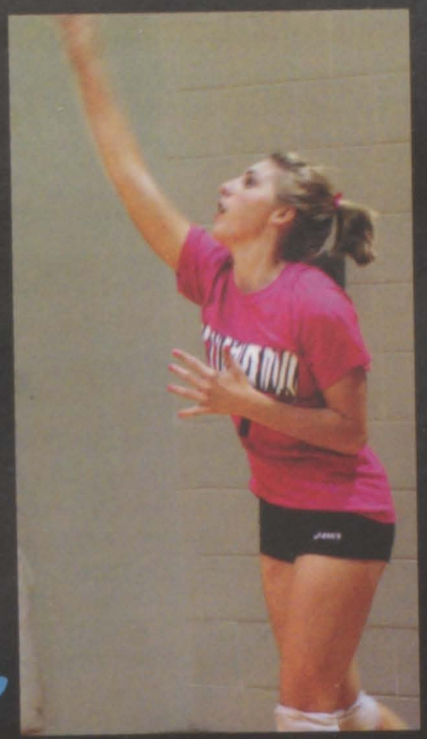

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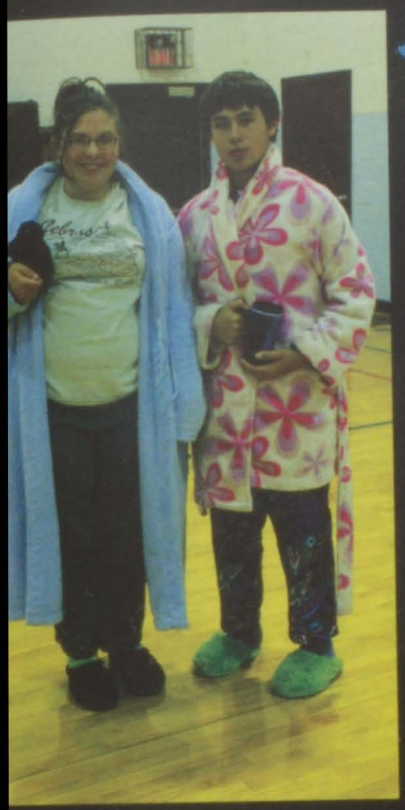
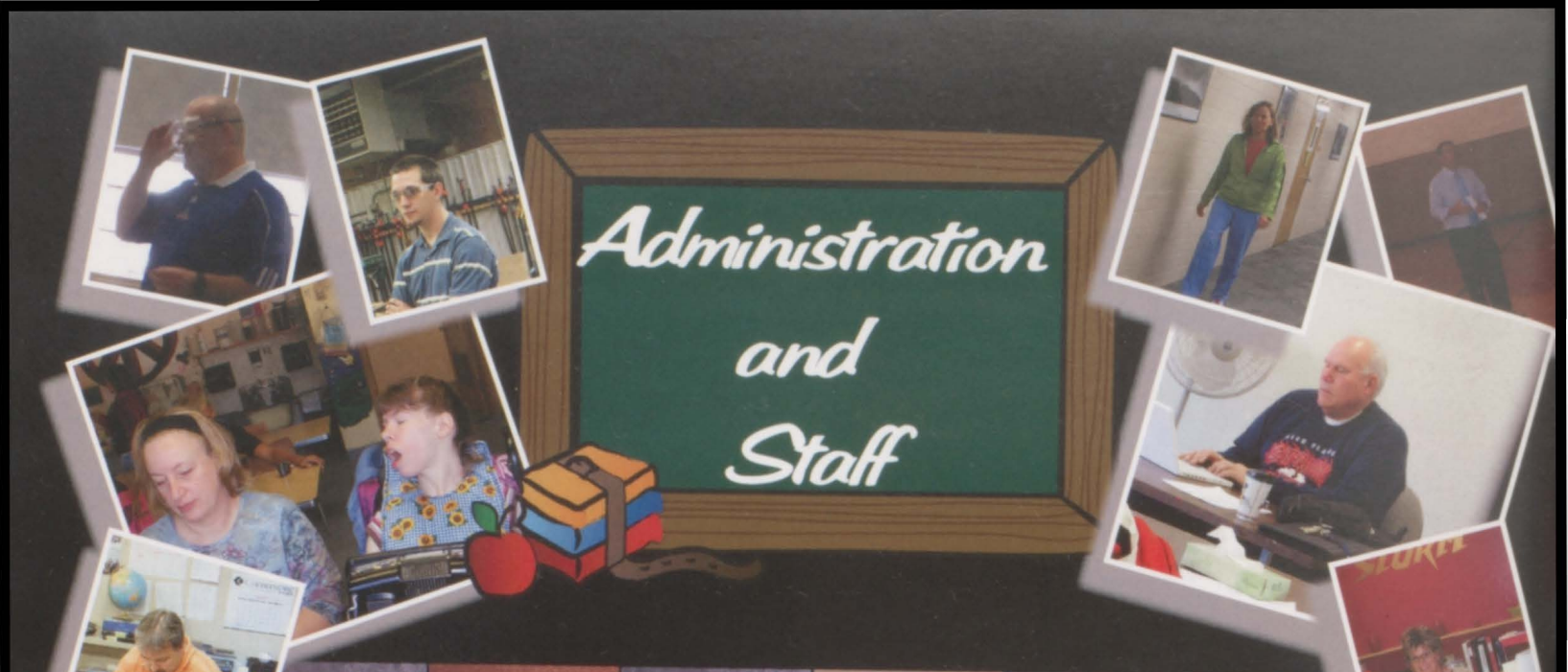
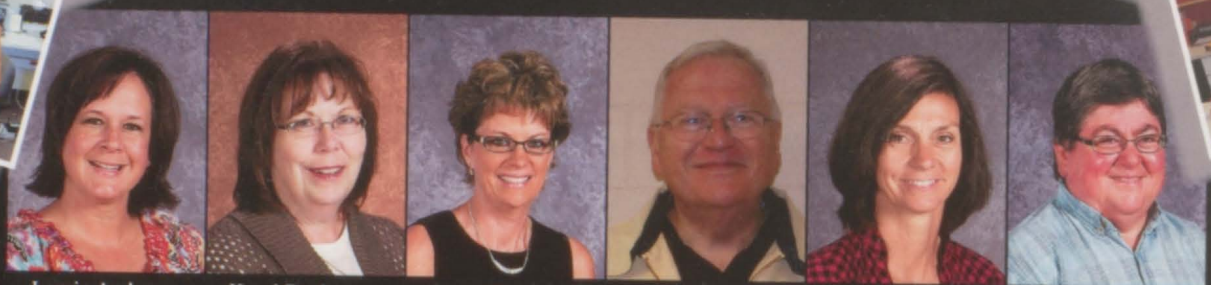






Laurie Anderson
Vocal Music

Karol Bankson
Speech Pathologist

Tonya Bannister
Secretary

Dick Bauer
Bus Driver

Karen Benner
Reading/English

Bonnie Campbell
4th Grade

Becky Carlstrom
Teacher Aide

Barb Church
Custodian

Dale Church
Custodian

Leonard DaMoude
Custodian

Linda Dittmer
Cook

Linda Edson
Teacher Aide

Angie Eberle
Special Education

Lisa Engholm
Bus Driver

John Fisher
Math

Anne Garrett
English

Linda Gilson
FCS

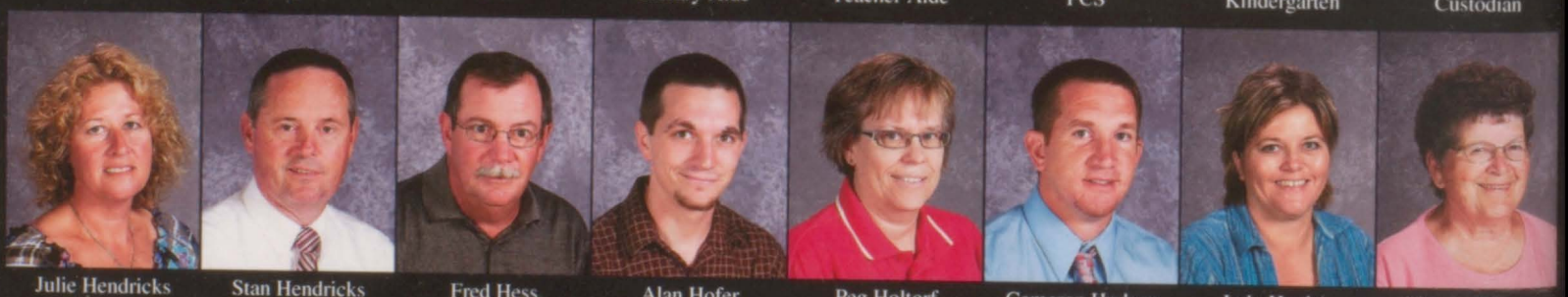
Marla Glasser
Library Aide

Shannon Graves
Teacher Aide

Jeri Gray
FCS

Laura Hedrick
Kindergarten

Mike Hefner
Custodian



Julie Hendricks
Secretary

Stan Hendricks
Superintendent

Fred Hess
Instrumental Music

Alan Hofer
Industrial Tech

Peg Holtorf
Special Education

Cameron Hudson
4-5/ HS Principal

Judy Hughes
Teacher Aide

Margie Johnson
Cook

Sharon Johnson
Cook

LeAnn Karmann
Title 1

Keith Killion
Social Studies/Art

John Kucera
Business

Jeff Kyes
Soc. Studies/Math

Al L'Heureux
Bus Driver

Dianne L'Heureux
4th Grade

Karyee LeSuer
K-3/MS Principal

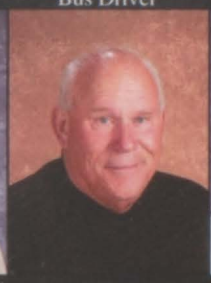
Kelly Lesiak
2nd Grade

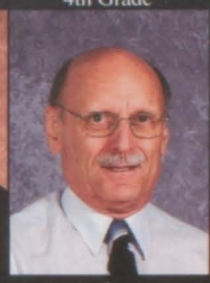
Dorla Lindburg
3rd Grade

Kristi Lindburg
Science

Jolene Lindgren
Cook

Fran Lott
Art


Norm Manstedt
PE


Leigh Metcalf
Spanish

Steve Meyer
PE

Kathy Miller
Bus Driver

Keith Nielson
Vocational Ag

The 2009-2010 school year was a year to remember. This year marks the tenth year as High Plains. Most of the teachers have been here since the very beginning, and even before the towns of Polk, Clarks, and Hordville consolidated. It is hard to believe it has been ten years, and we can only look forward to another great ten years to come.

High Plains would not be where it is today if it weren't for the many teachers and administrators who come to school everyday to ensure that the students have a bright future. As much as we hate to see people go, we also know that nothing lasts forever and are grateful for the time that they have devoted to our school district. High Plains will say goodbye to four teachers this year. Leigh Metcalf, Fred Hess, LeAnn Karmann and Laurie Anderson. Together they have been in education for over a 100 years . Thank you for everything you have done for High Plains, and best of wishes to them and their future endeavors. We also said goodbye to Marj Johnson, Linda Dittmer, Shannon Graves, Mike Hefner and Denise Pullen,. These people filled the positions of cooks, aide, janitor and substitute.

In April we had to say goodbye in a different way. Anne Garrett, our 9th grade and middle school English teacher loss her battle with cancer.

Jim Pekarek
Science

Tabitha Rieken
Reading/Title 1

Cindy Sandell
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Kayln Shively
Cook

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5th Grade

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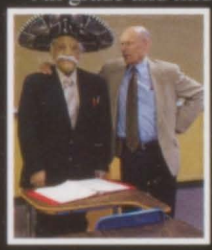
Deb Ueckert
First Grade


It looks as if **Mr. Metcalf** has found his perfect replacement for next year as he will be retiring after 45 years of teaching.

School Board
Fron't row: Kathy Klingsporn Wendy Hudson, Karen Stevens. Back row: Greg Fowler, Brian Samuelson, Kurt Kuhn.

LeAnn Karmann will be retiring after 34 years of teaching. Thank you Mrs. Karmann for your many years of service.

Brent VanDeWall
Tech Support

Cheryl VanHousen
Bus Driver

Andy Vrbka
Social Studies

Jodie Vrbka
Secretary

Elaine Welk
Cook

Sue Wilgocki
English

Greg Wood
Math

Anne Garrett
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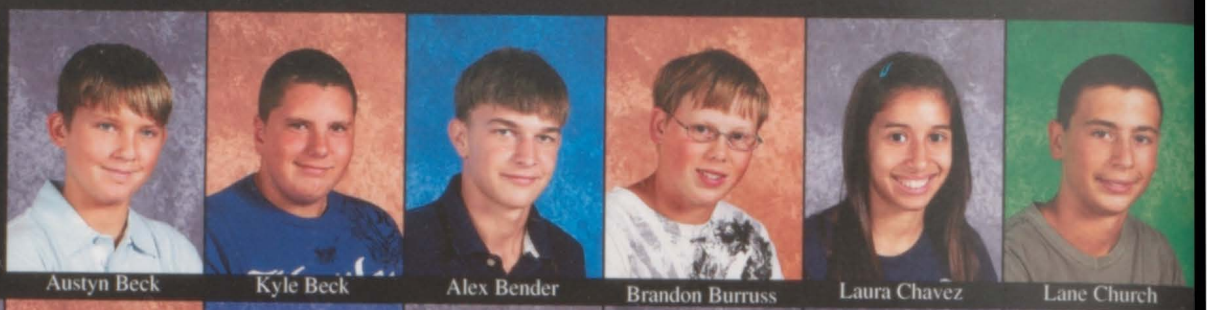
Anne gave 25 years to educating students. She will be missed by all.

High School

9th



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Shelbi Dittmer | Tanner Fate | Kylee Fischer | Megan Fitzgerald | Ethan Fleming | Elizabeth Hayes | Emily Kuhn | Dalton McWain

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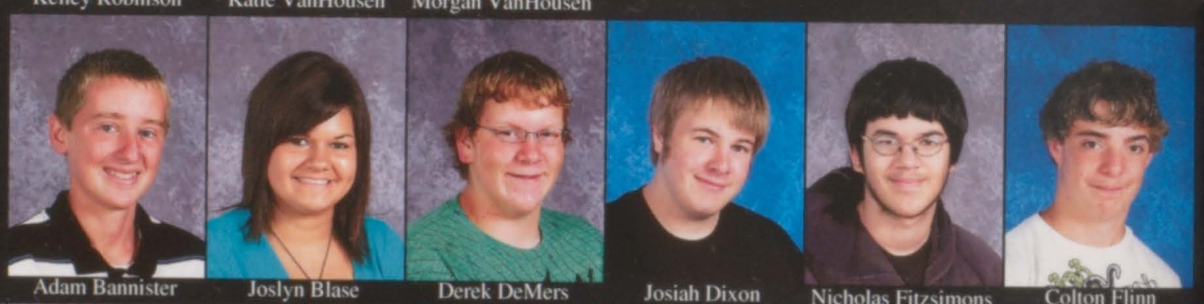
10th



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Kendra Samuelson | Katelyn Shoup | MacKenzie Stevens | Steven Thies | Tiffany Wohlgemuth

11th

Alison Anderson

Brittany Benkis

Ariana Bolton

Brooke Brown

Ian Carson

Sara Church

Sierra Dittmer

Taylor Doremus

Isabelle Edson

Whitney Engel

Joshua Fisher

Evan Graves

Josh Greo

Jordan Gustafson

Nealey Hoffman

Kylie Jarecke

Amanda Kobza

Michaela Majerus

Trevor Osantowski

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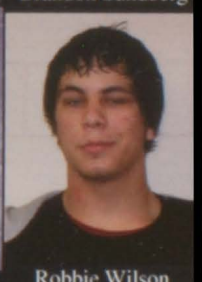
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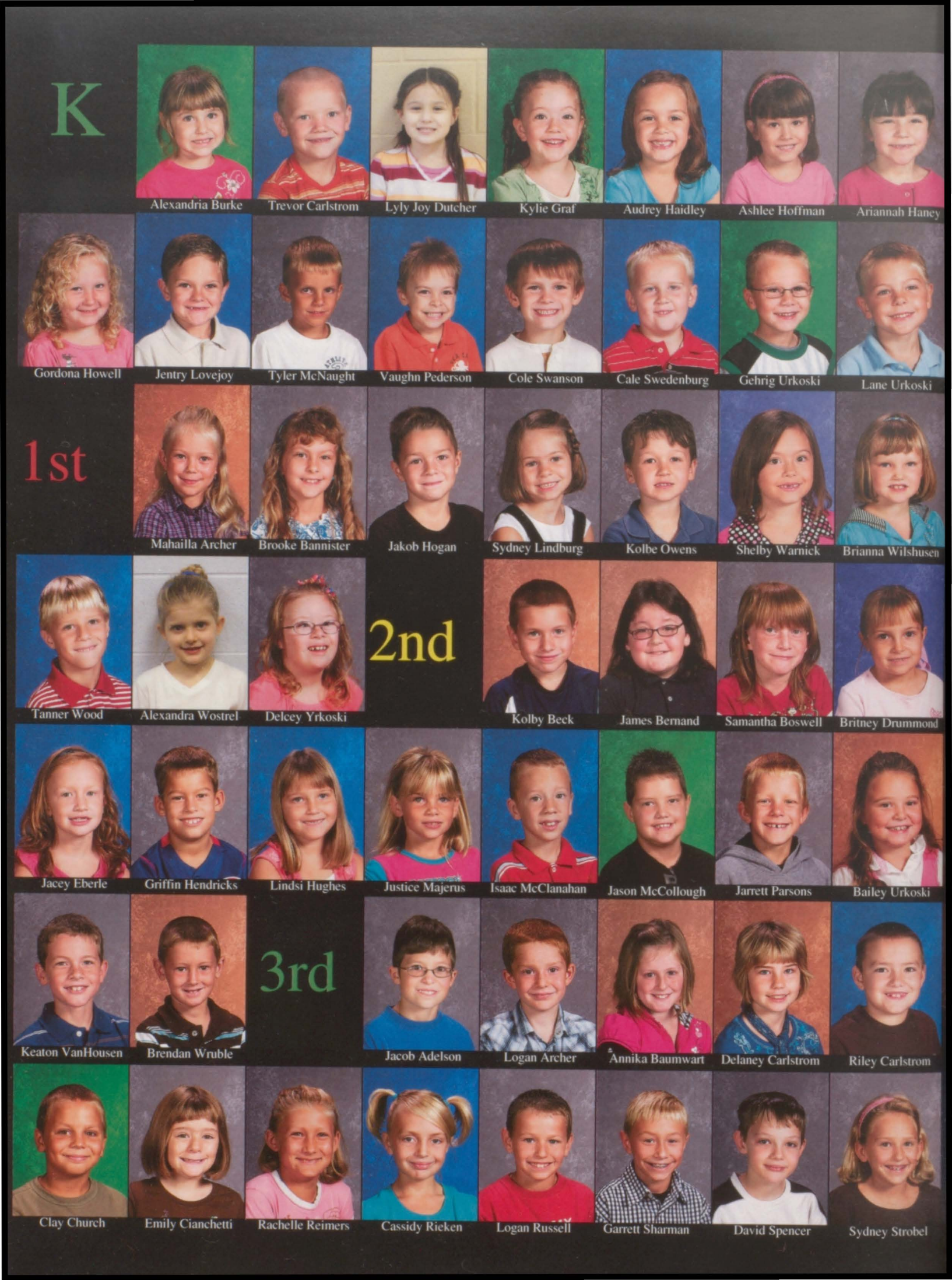
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Tyler McNaught
Vaughn Pederson
Cole Swanson
Cale Swedenburg
Gehrig Urkoski
Lane Urkoski
1st
Mahailla Archer
Brooke Bannister
Jakob Hogan
Sydney Lindburg
Kolbe Owens
Shelby Warnick
Brianna Wilshusen
Tanner Wood
Alexandra Wostrel
Delcey Yrkoski
2nd
Kolby Beck
James Bernand
Samantha Boswell
Britney Drummond
Jacey Eberle
Griffin Hendricks
Lindsi Hughes
Justice Majerus
Isaac McClanahan
Jason McCollough
Jarrett Parsons
Bailey Urkoski
Keaton VanHousen
Brendan Wruble
3rd
Jacob Adelson
Logan Archer
Annika Baumwart
Delaney Carlstrom
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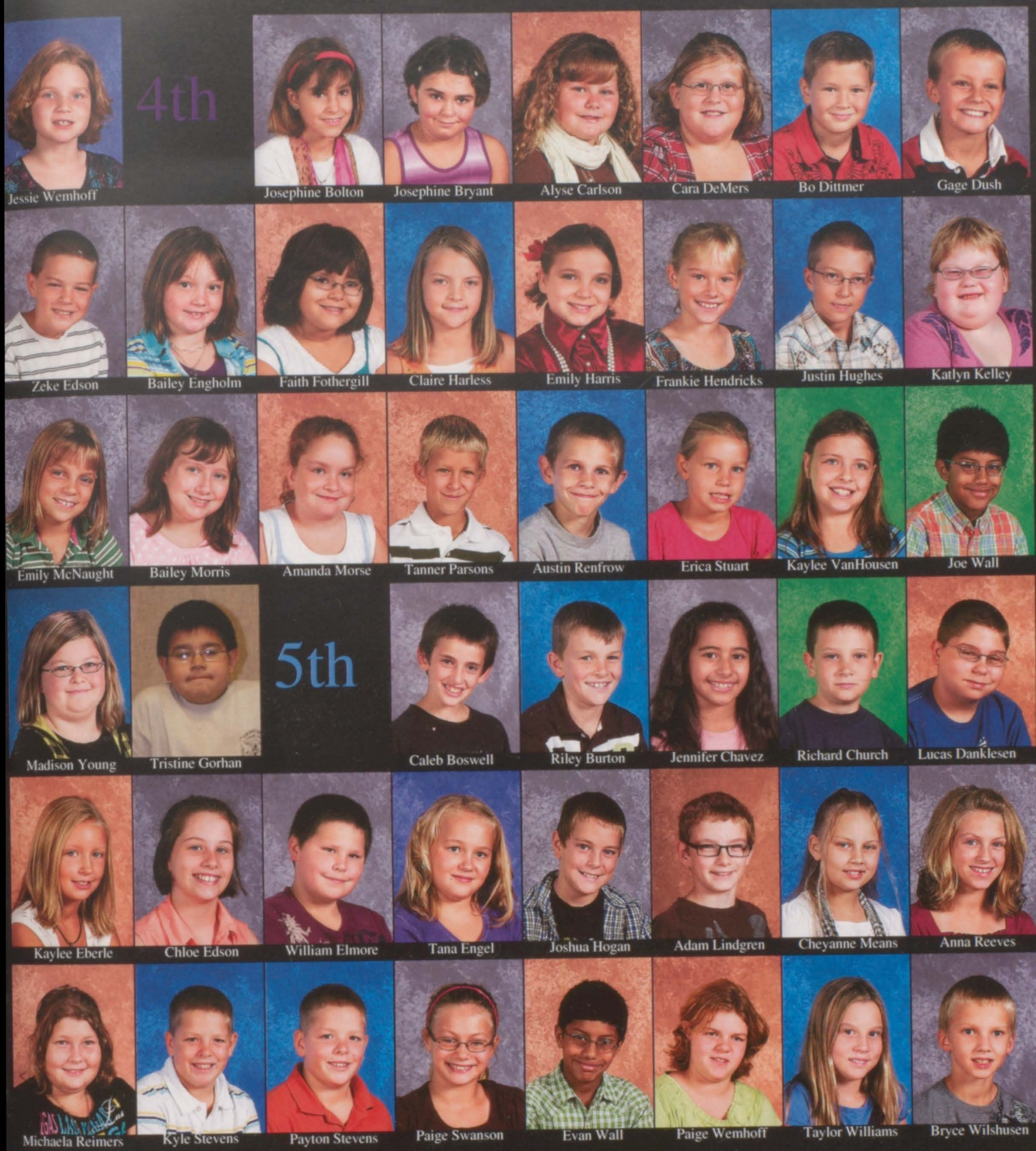
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Claire Harless
Emily Harris
Frankie Hendricks
Justin Hughes
Katlyn Kelley
Emily McNaught
Bailey Morris
Amanda Morse
Tanner Parsons
Austin Renfrow
Erica Stuart
Kaylee VanHousen
Joe Wall
5th
Madison Young
Tristine Gorhan
Caleb Boswell
Riley Burton
Jennifer Chavez
Richard Church
Lucas Danklesen
Kaylee Eberle
Chloe Edson
William Elmore
Tana Engel
Joshua Hogan
Adam Lindgren
Cheyanne Means
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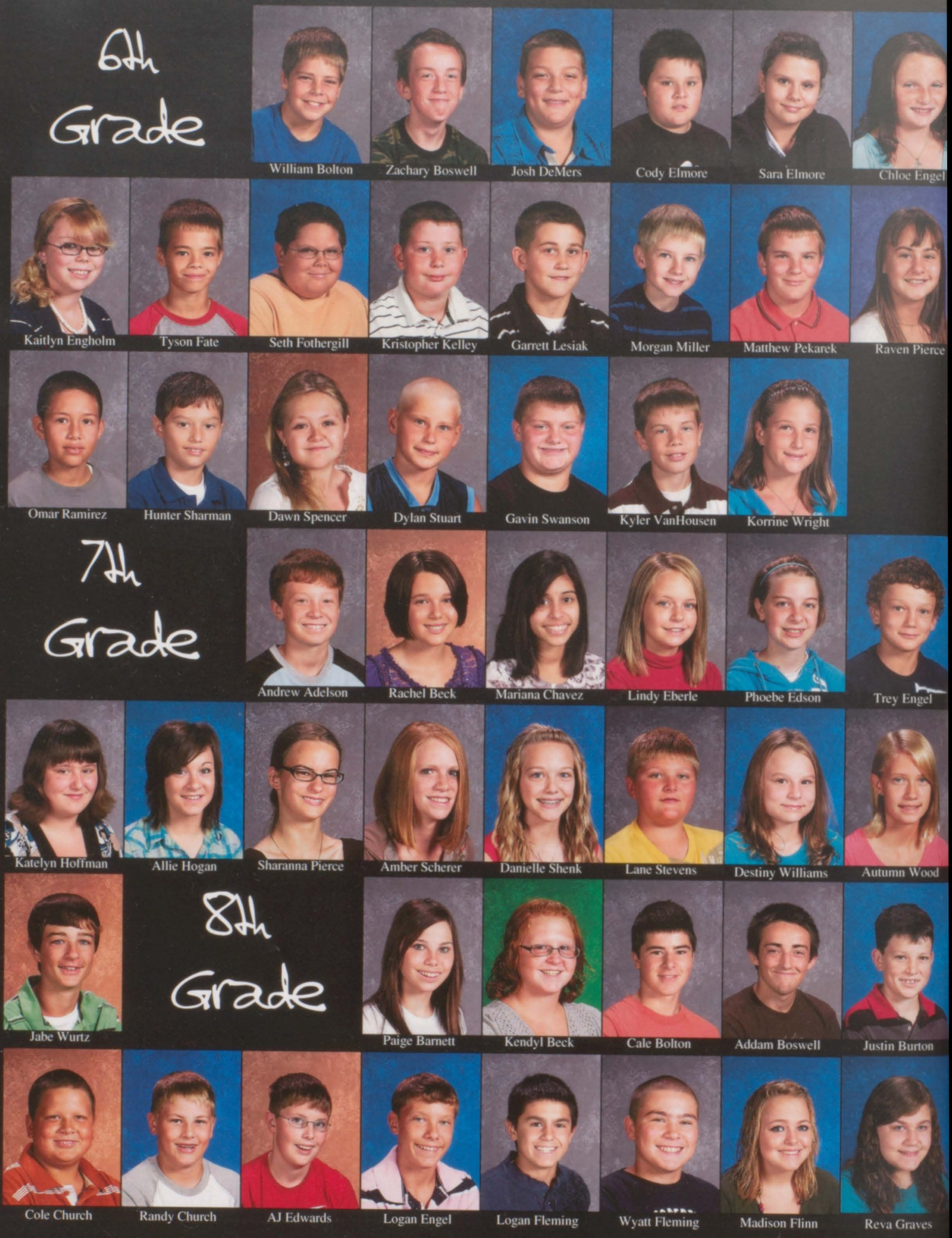
Thomas Young

Elementary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Kristopher Kelley
Garrett Lesiak
Morgan Miller
Matthew Pekarek
Raven Pierce
Omar Ramirez
Hunter Sharman
Dawn Spencer
Dylan Stuart
Gavin Swanson
Kyler VanHousen
Korrine Wright
7th Grade
Andrew Adelson
Rachel Beck
Mariana Chavez
Lindy Eberle
Phoebe Edson
Trey Engel
Katelyn Hoffman
Allie Hogan
Sharanna Pierce
Amber Scherer
Danielle Shenk
Lane Stevens
Destiny Williams
Autumn Wood
Jabe Wurtz
8th Grade
Paige Barnett
Kendyl Beck
Cale Bolton
Addam Boswell
Justin Burton
Cole Church
Randy Church
AJ Edwards
Logan Engel
Logan Fleming
Wyatt Fleming
Madison Flinn
Reva Graves

Jeff Gravlin

Tyler Hoffman

Benjamin Kowalski

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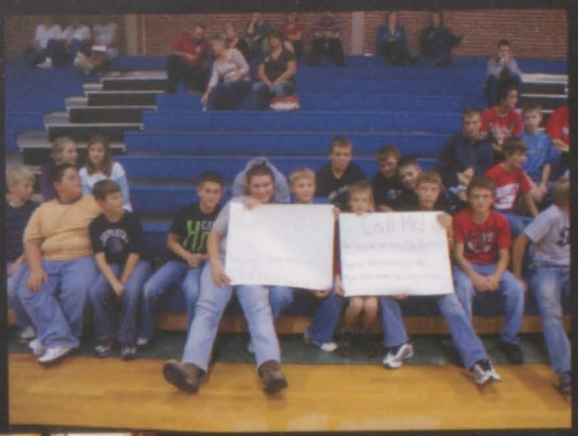

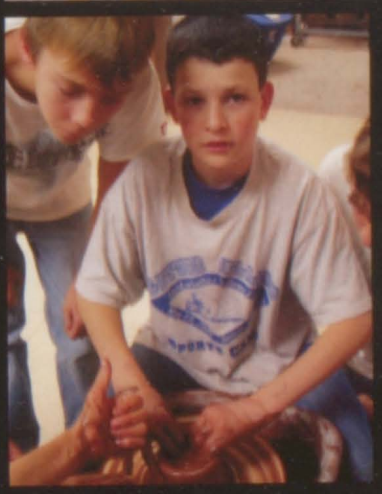

Middle School

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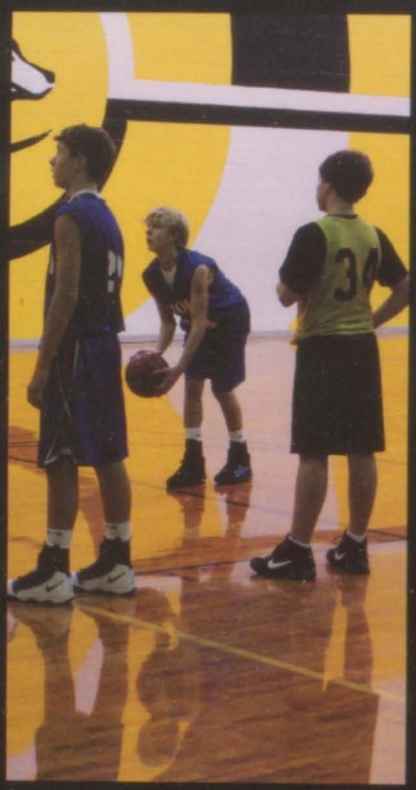
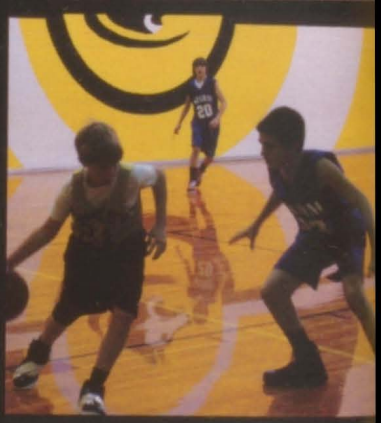
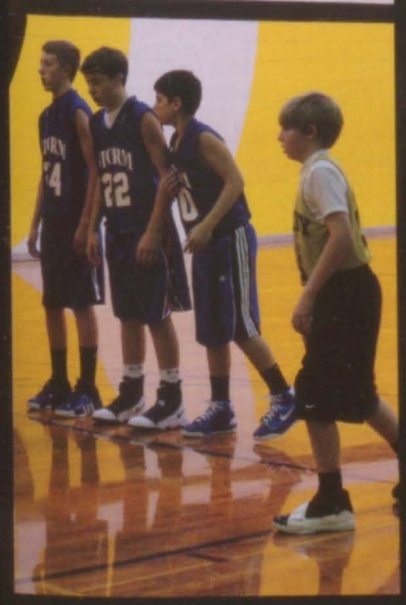
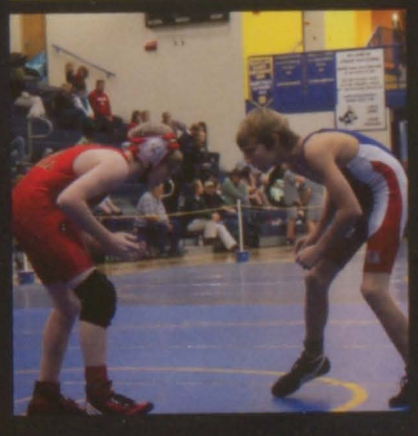




Sports





Middle School

Front row: Chloe Engel, Emily Osantowski, Paige Barnett, Kendyl Beck, Jami Ostberg, Abigail Letcher, Aubrey Lenz.
Middle row: Amber Scherer, Hannah Pearson, Cheyenne Doremus, Lindy Eberle, Danielle Shenk, Autumn Wood, Jenna Veburg, Destiny Williams.
Back row-: Coach Angie Eberle, Allie Hogan, Mariana Chavez, Rachel Beck, Coach Laura Hedrick.
Not pictured: Lindsey Morris, Madison Flinn, Reva Graves.

Volleyball

HPC		Opp.
2	Osceola	0
2	Rising City	0
2	Hampton	0
0	Giltner	2
	Chapman Tourney	
2	Elba	0
2	Chapman	0
2	NE Christian	0
2	Elba	1
0	Shelby	2
2	Cross County	0
3	NE Christian	0

Final Record 9-2

Football

HPC		Opp.
72	Hampton	6
40	Shelby	0
34	Osceola	0
24	East Butler	28

Final Record 3-1

Front row: Justin Burton, Wyatt Fleming, Tyler Martin, Logan Fleming, Cale Bolton, Trey Engel, Andrew Adelson, Tyson Fate.
Back row: Josh DeMers, Lane Stevens, Logan Engel, Jabe Wurtz, Dylan Shenk, Cale Harless, Randy Church, Cole Klingsporn, Cody Morris, Jeff Gravlin.
Not pictured: Aaron Sundberg.

Front row: Mariana Chavez, Jenna Veburg, Destiny Williams, Lindsey Morris, Shaina Leech, Phoebe Edson, Amber Scherer, Lindy Eberle, Chloe Engel.
Second row: Katelyn Hoffman, Allie Hogan, Rachel Beck, Kendyl Beck, Madison Flinn, Danielle Shenk, Abigail Letcher, Jami Ostberg, Aubrey Lenz.

Girls Basketball

HPC		Opp.
14	Osceola	39
27	Rising City	2
29	Chapman	11
20	Hampton	19
	Chapman Tourney	
24	Chapman	19
16	District 1- R	17
9	Giltner	51
9	Shelby	47
25	NE Christian	26

Final Record 4-5

Sports

Front row: Cale Bolton, Logan Fleming, Cole Klingsporn, Logan Engel, Andrew Adelson, Tyler Martin.
Back row: Jabe Wurtz, Wyatt Fleming, Dylan Shenk, Jeff Gravlin, Cale Harless.

Boys Basketball

HPC		Opp.
54	Osceola	29
79	Rising City	7
67	Hampton	31
33	Giltner	18
45	Shelby	15
71	NE Christian	6
38	Exeter-Milligan	50
	St. Libory/ChapmanTourney	
58	District R-1	24
81	St. Lib/Chapman	18

Final Recod 8-1

Wrestling

Meets

Clay Center

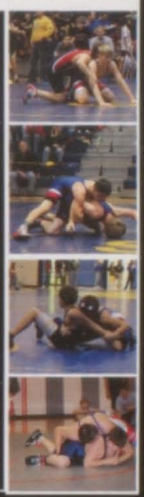
Dorchester

Grand Island Walnut

Osceola

Schuyler Invite

Seward Invite

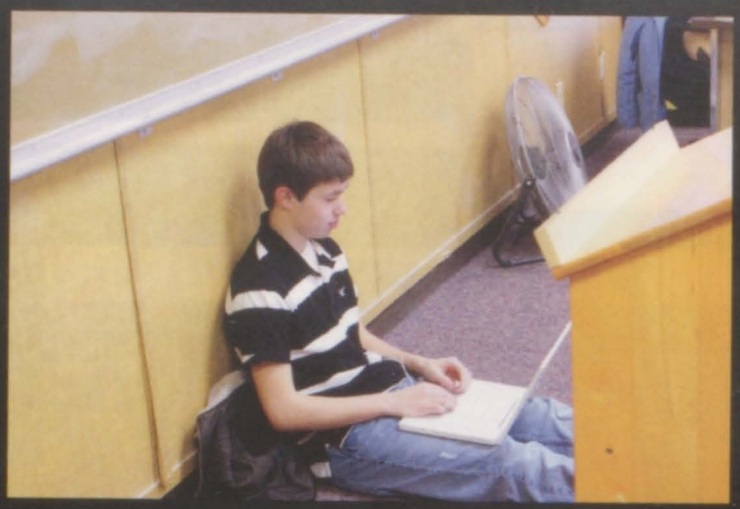


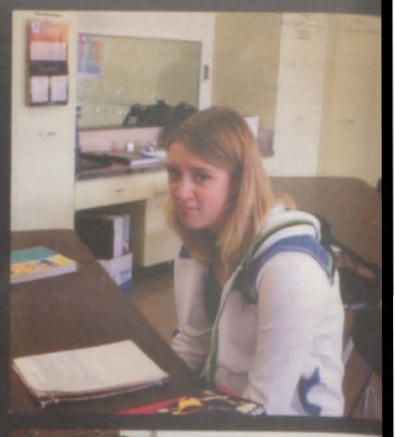
Coach Alan Hofer, St. Manager Will Bolton, Randy Church, Aaron Sundberg, Cole Church, Wyatt Fleming, Cale Bolton, Trey Engel, St. Manager Mathew Pekarek.

Front row: Aaron Sundberg, Logan Fleming, Cole Klingsporn, Tyler Martin, Logan Engel, Lane Stevens, Jami Ostberg, Kendyl Beck.
Second row: Allie Hogan, Madison Flinn, Justin Burton, Cale Harless, Jabe Wurtz, AJ Edwards, Emily Osantowski, Rachel Beck, Mariana Chavez.
Third row: Cody Morris, Shaina Leech, Lindy Eberle, Amber Scherer, Jenna Veburg, Aubrey Lenz, Reva Graves, Abigail Letcher.
Fourth row: Andrew Adelson, Randy Church, Phoebe Edson, Katelyn Hoffman, Autumn Wood, Destiny Williams, Wyatt Fleming.
Not pictured: Danielle Shenk, Cale Bolton, Trey Engel, Dylan Shenk.

Track

Meets	Girls	Boys
High Plains Invite	3rd	1st
Osceola Invite	4th	1st
Fullerton Invite	4th	1st
CRC Meet	8th	2nd
Twin River Invite	5th	2nd





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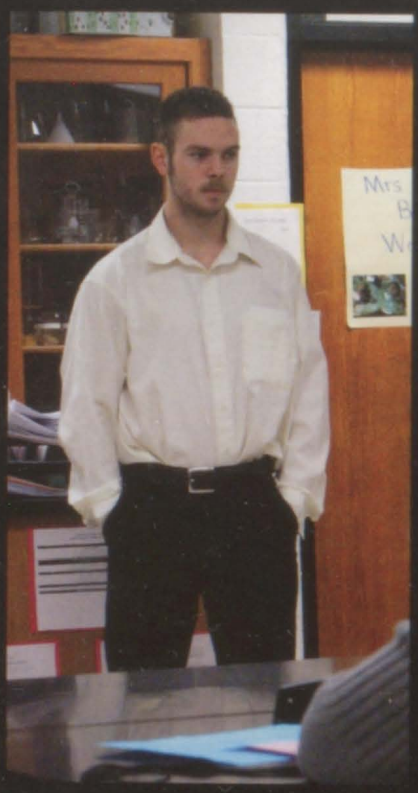

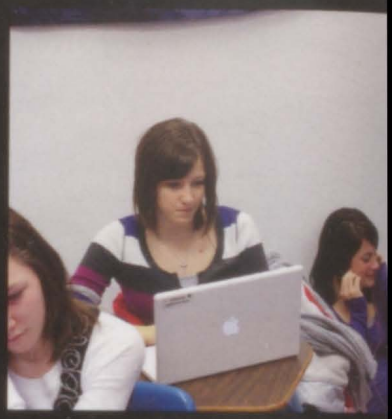

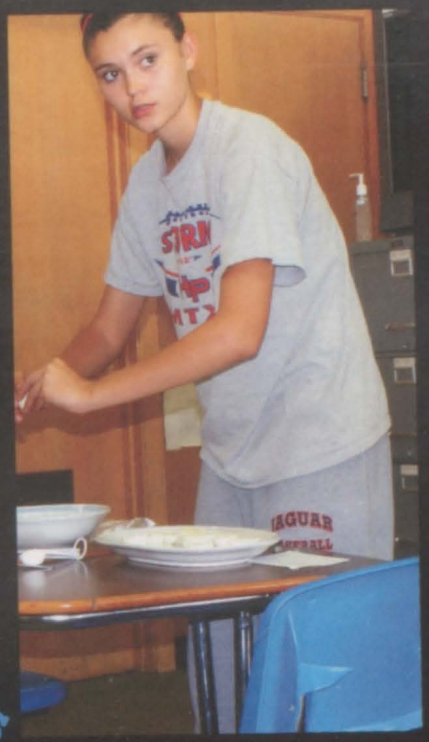

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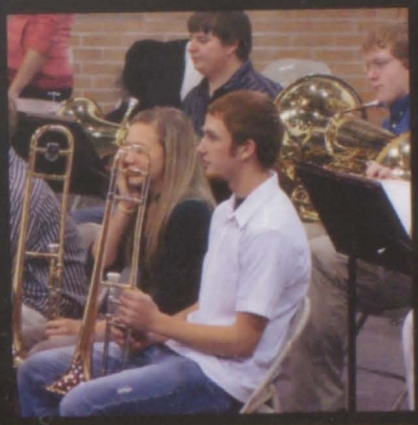
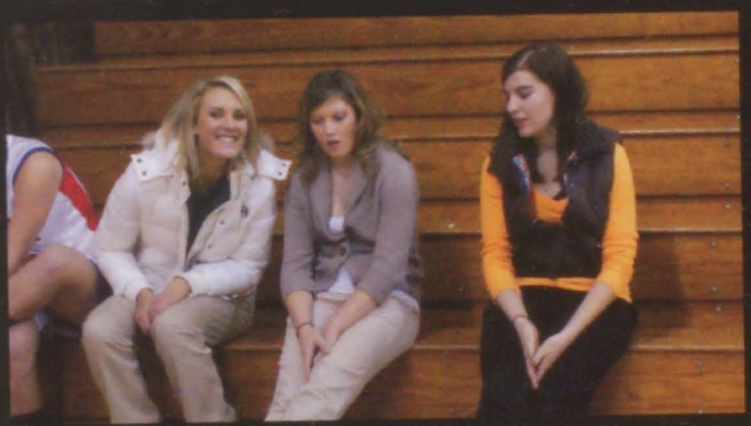
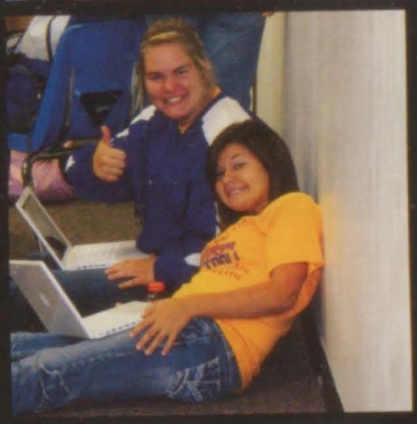
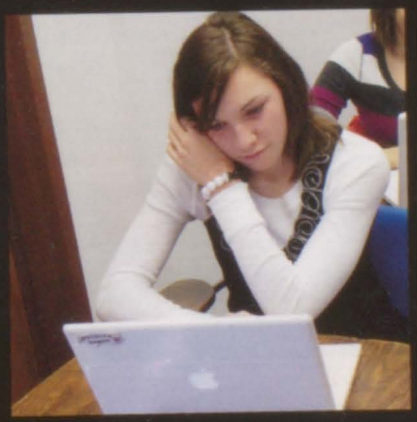




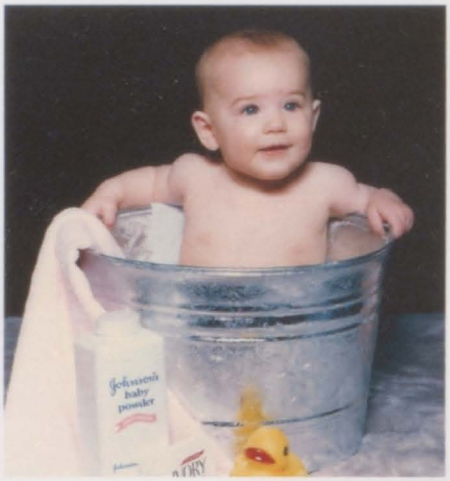




Hannah,

Time flies when you're having fun. You have grown into a wonderful young woman. We are very proud of you. Remember life is a dangerous adventure or nothing at all. We are looking forward to seeing where life takes you.

We love you baby.
Mom and Dad



Hannah~

As your older sister I have been blessed to watch you grow and very blessed to call you my sister. Always dream big and I know you will always succeed. I am very proud of you and all your accomplishments.

Love always,
Your sister

Jacob,

We are so grateful for the man you are becoming. You always give our lives so much joy and we are so proud of you.

Continue to let God be the center of your life and let your light shine.

Love You!
Mom and Dad

Joshua

From a baby to a boy to finally a man, we've watched you grow. We are all so proud of who you are and can't wait to see what else you will become. We know you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

We love you!
Grandma Merriman
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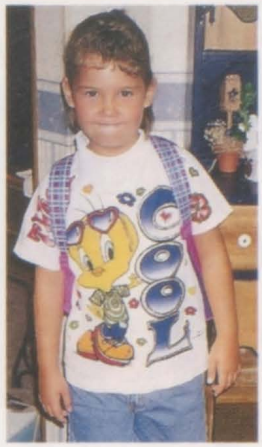

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished these past 18 years. You have so many special qualities to offer, with a bright future ahead of you. We know that your hard work and determination will take you far. So remember to dream big and be the best that you can be. And always remember how special you are to us.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Kylie

Kory

You were "our blessing" the day you were born. It's been so much fun watching you grow and mature into the young man that you are. Your Dad and I and your sister's have so many special memories that will last forever in our hearts. We wish you all the best as you enter this next phase of your life. We know you have what it takes to succeed. Use the gifts God gave you! Make good choices, work hard, have fun, but please be safe. We're here for you, ALWAYS! Never forget that. We love you so much and little Colbyn truly adores you, "Uncle Kokol"

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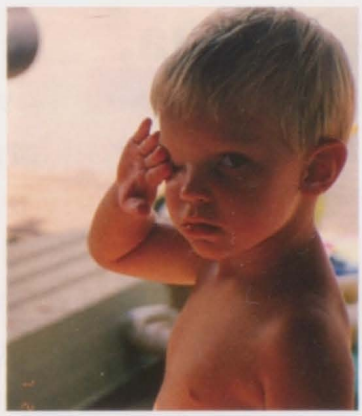
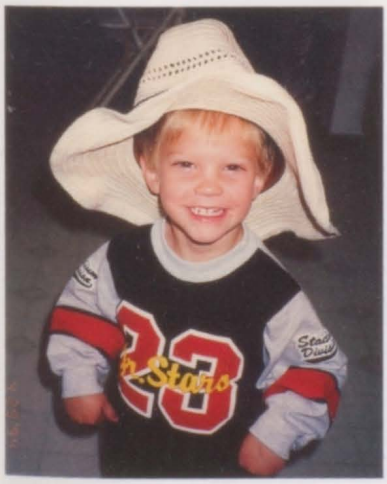
Kelli, Dathan, and Colbyn





EMILY

We are so proud of you! You are such a beautiful young woman (inside and out)! Where has the time gone? We pray that God's hand will guide and direct you no matter where you go in life. God will always go with you, and Dad and I are only a phone call away.
Congrats and God's richest blessings to you on this next stage in life.

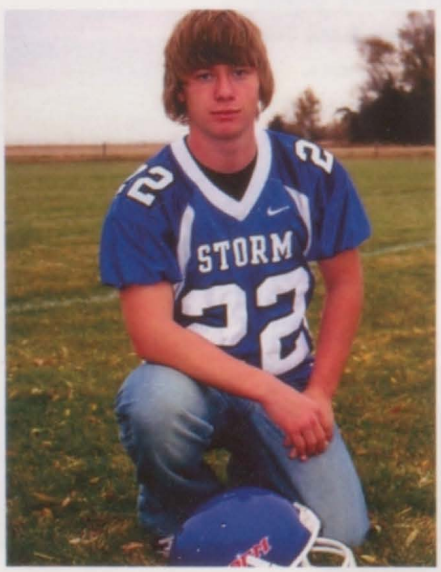
We love you -
Mom, Dad, Abigail, and Eli
Jeremiah 29:11

Joshua,

It's amazing how fast our little boy has grown. It seems like you just started Kindergarten as a little Marquette Cub a few years ago, and here you are a senior at HPC.

You have filled our hearts with love and happiness in that short 18 years. We are very proud of all you have done and we will always be here to support you. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeremiah & Jacob



Jason

You have grown into an amazing young man
and have brought so much joy into our lives.
Your great sense of humor and big smile,
who can resist those dimples!
We enjoyed watching you over the years and
being your #1 fans. Cherish all the memories
and may your journey through life lead
you to where you are the happiest.
We are so proud of you. May God watch
over you and we will always be here for you.
Love you so much!
Dad, Mom, Heather and Randy

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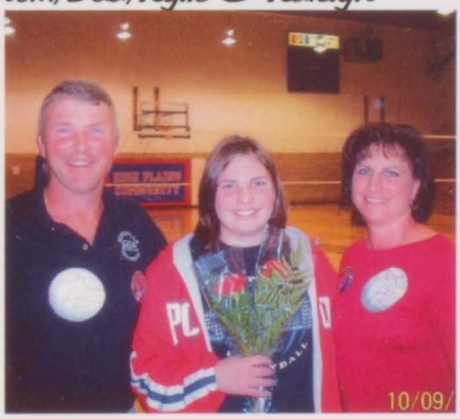
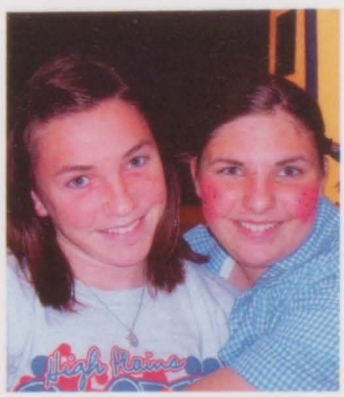
Kinsley

You have always loved to entertain and make people smile. You have brightened many lives through dance, drama & with your beautiful voice, we have enjoyed every minute of it! We are so proud of all you have done, and the amazing young woman you have become. We wish you all the best, just keep doing what you love to do!
"Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient . . . and prayerful always." Rom. 12:12 TLB
Remember we are here for you and love you very much!
Mom, Dad, Kylie & Katelyn





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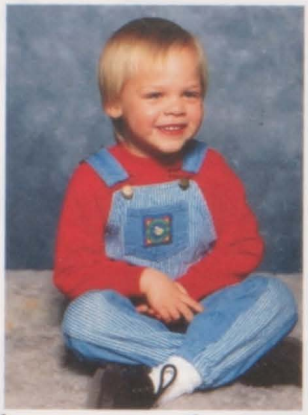

The day you were born was one of the happiest days of our lives. We have been so proud as we have watched you grow into a young man with your feet on the ground and your eyes on the sky. A generous spirit and an open heart, your determination and intelligent. Your qualities are endless. We have complete faith in you because we know that whatever choices you make in life will be the ones that are best for you. Be true to your dreams, and keep them alive. Always believe in yourself as we believe in you. Remember we are so proud of you and we will always be here for you.

We love you very much.
Mom, Dad, Mikie,
Brittany, Cassie, & Colbey

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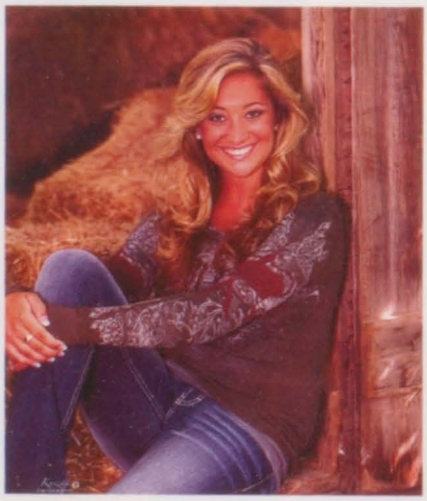
Katrina,

You are not only a miracle, but a gift from God. We are forever thankful for getting to share your Love, Laughter, and Tears, and the unforgettable memories, for the last 18 years.

Now the time has come to share you with the rest of the world. We are proud to call you our daughter, and will love and support you where ever your future leads you. May God Bless You and keep you safe.....

Love Always,
Mom & Dad



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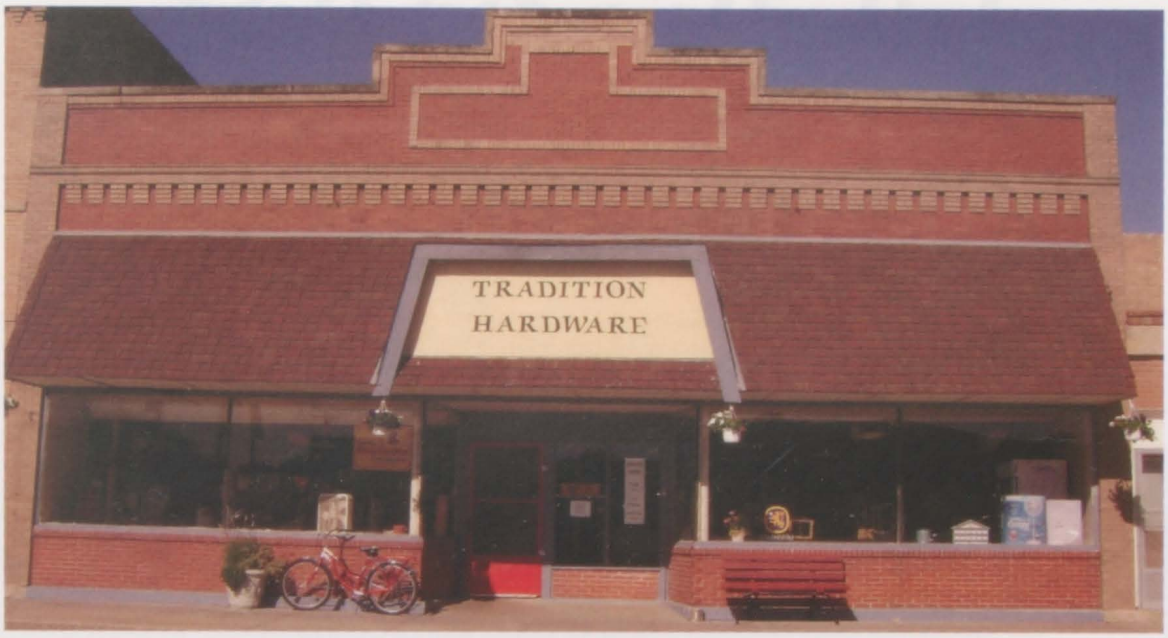

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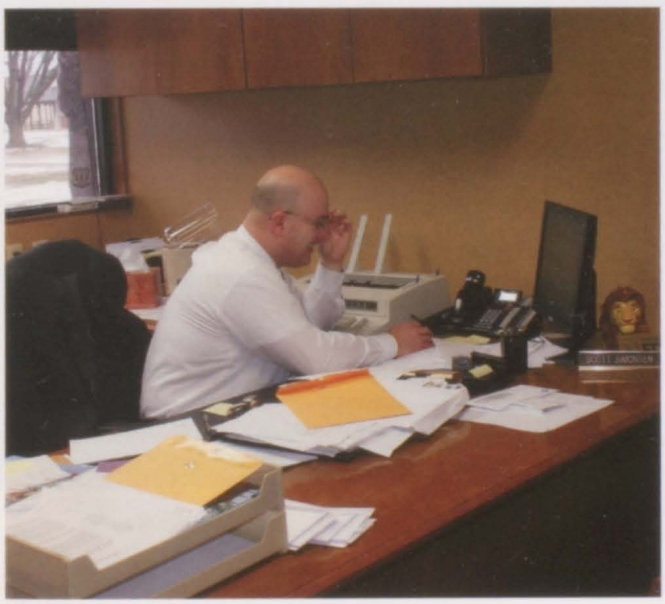

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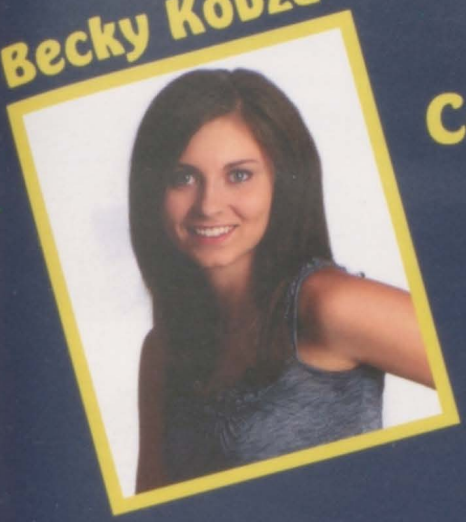

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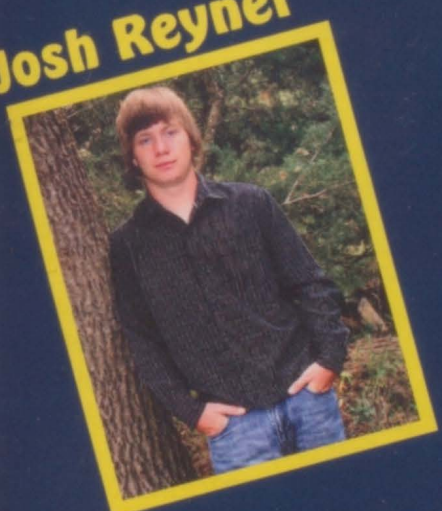

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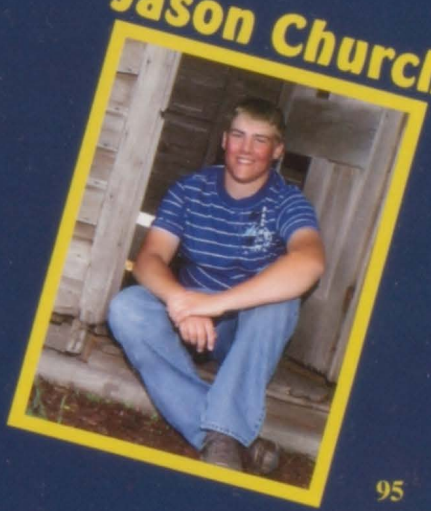

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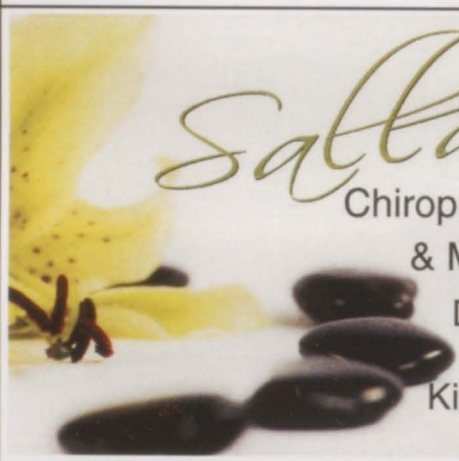

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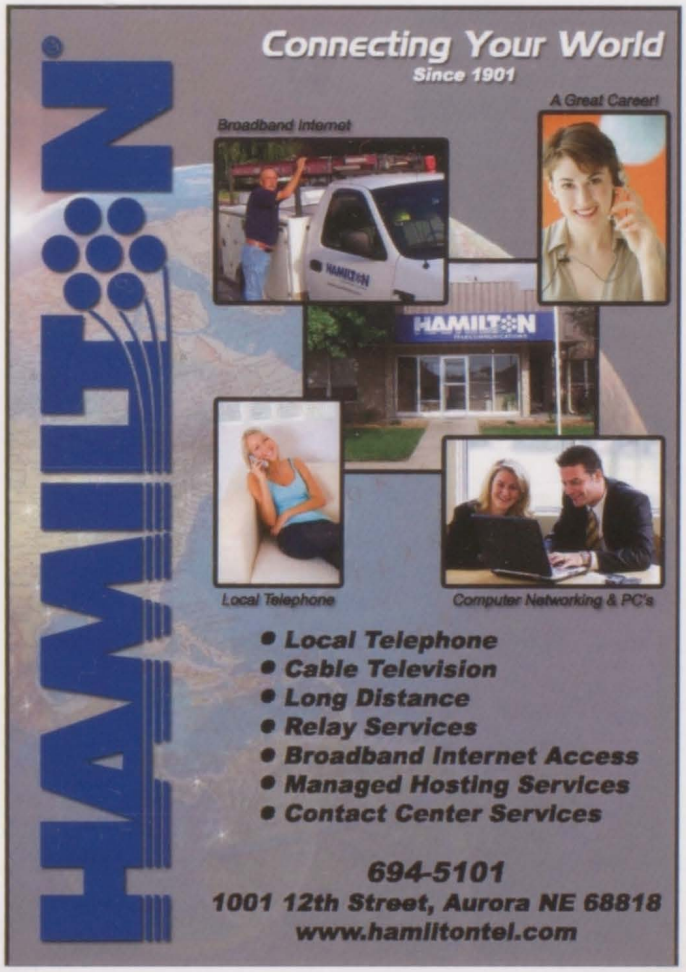

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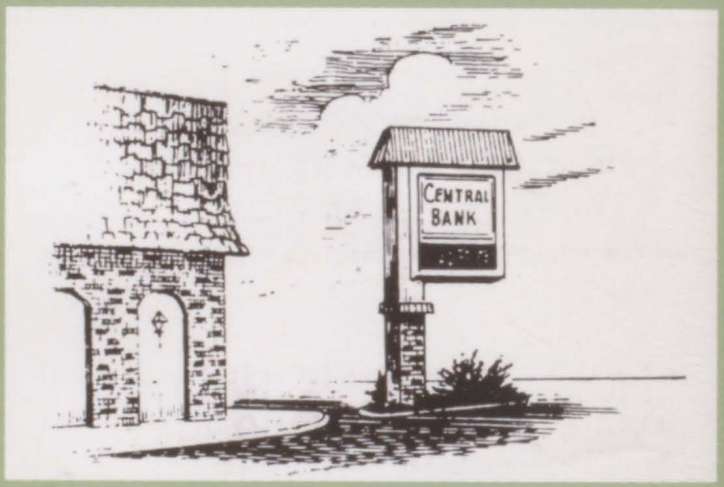

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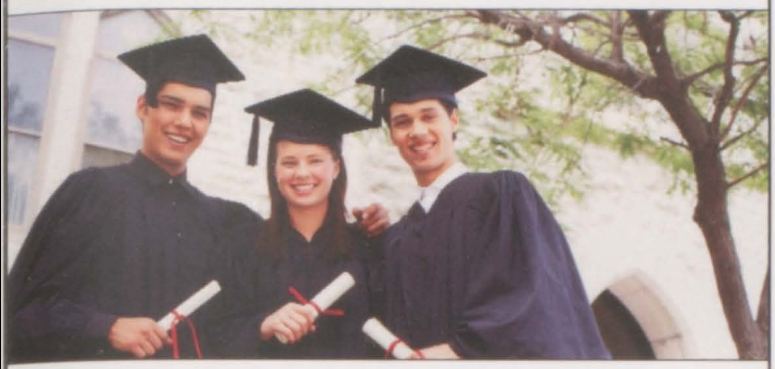

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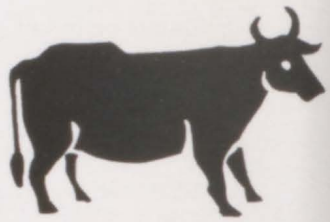

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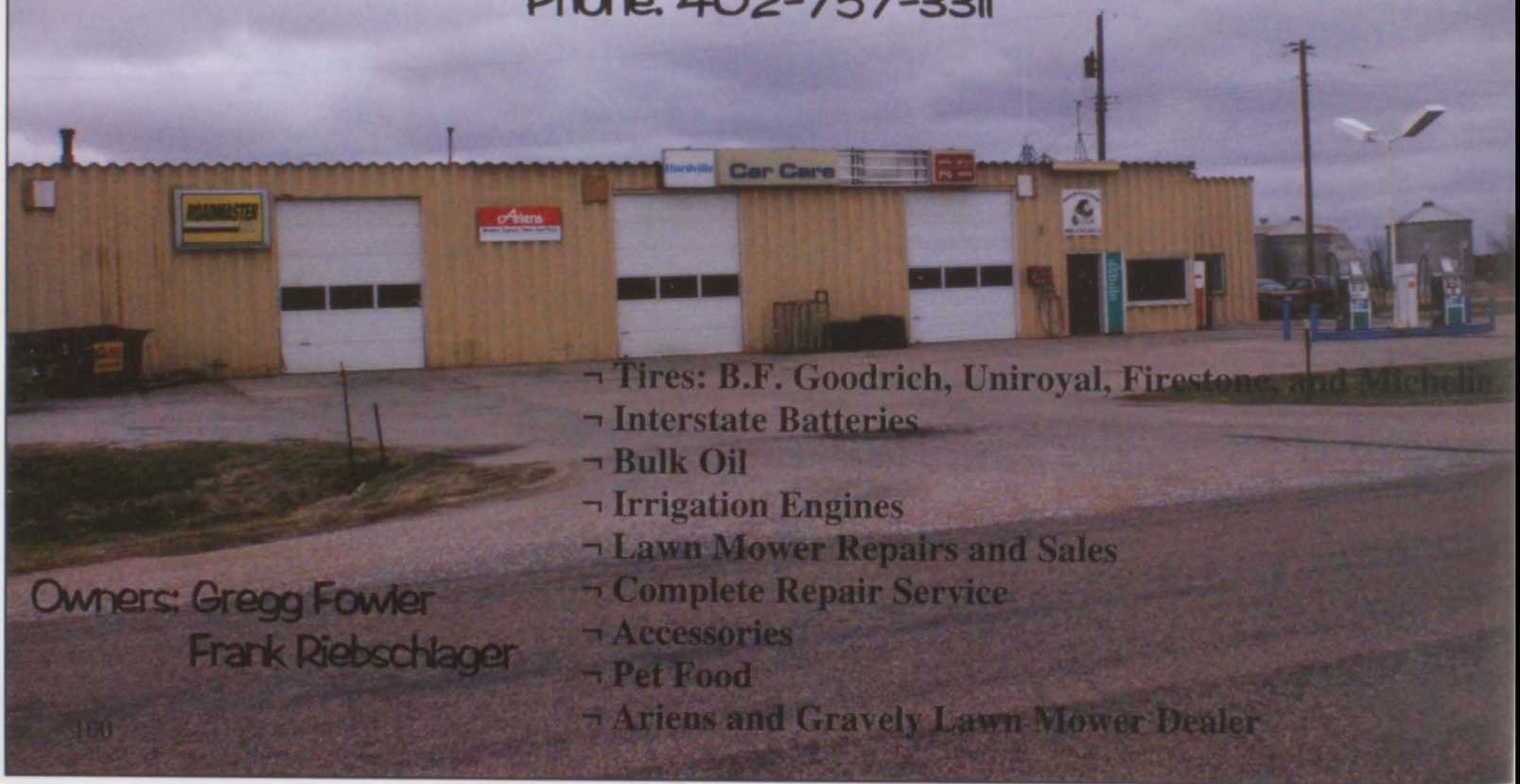

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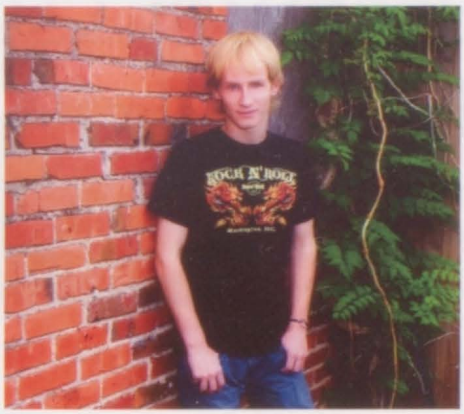

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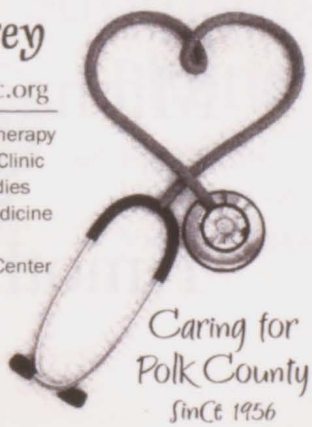

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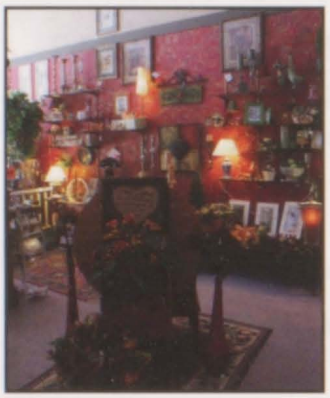

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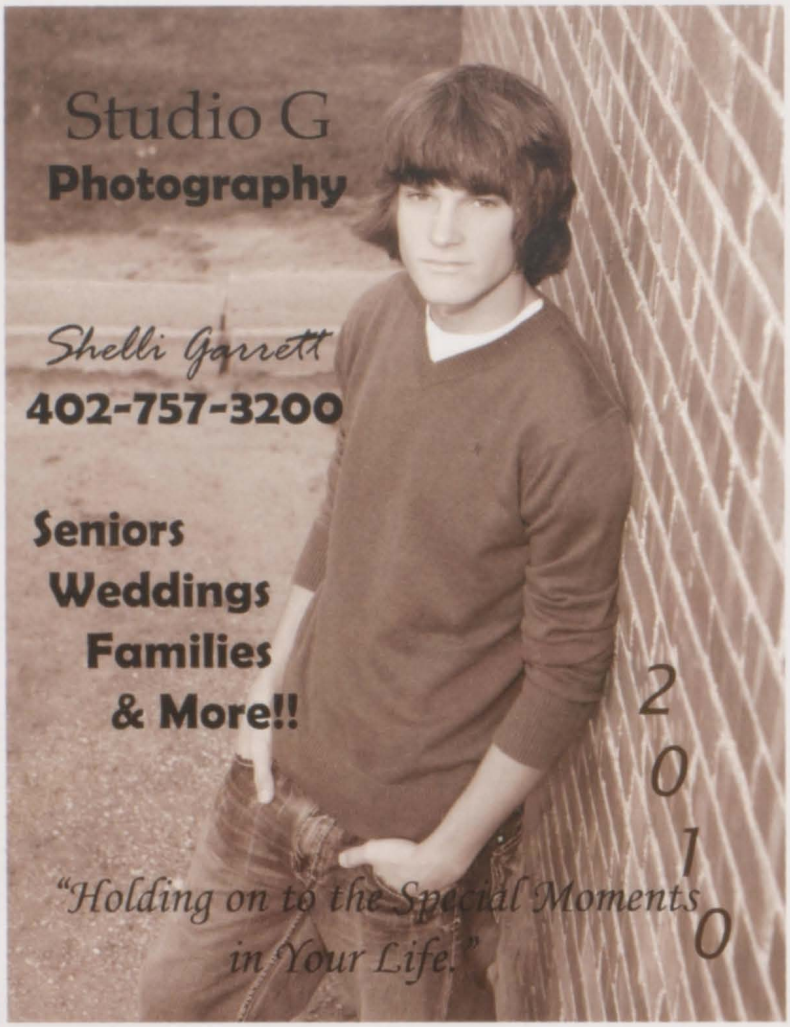

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An added feature this year, as you have seen, is the ALL COLOR book. Changing publishing companies made this possible. Another new experience was the ability to order your yearbook on line. This made it convenient for families to get the book ordered. We also purchased a World Beat for each copy to have a record of the national events that took place during the year. The cost of the book was $30 for early sales, $35 Dec. - May, and $40 after August 1st.

Pictures used were taken by the yearbook staff, interested students, faculty members, and parents. Digital pictures were used or photos were scanned and then placed. The underclassman school photos were taken by Lifetouch. Senior portraits were taken by a variety of photography studios in the area.

Class members were: Amanda Burruss, Courtney Doremus, Jason Church, Lacey Jarecke, Becky Kobza, Emily Letcher, Hannah Lott, Rachel Shotkoski, Kinsley Shoup, Katrina Quick, and William Stearns. Linda Gilson is the advisor.

We would like to thank all the students, faculty, administrators, parents, and businesses for their cooperation for allowing photos to be taken of them throughout the year and for purchasing this yearbook and/or ads. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Year In Review

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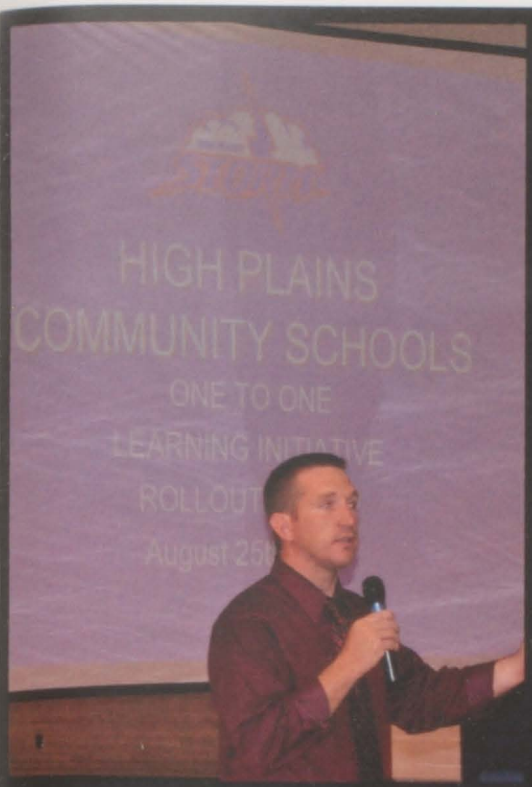
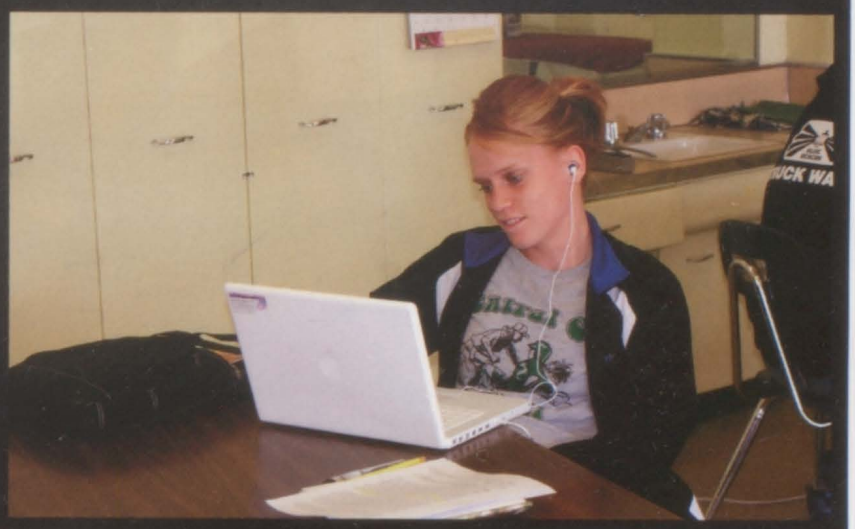
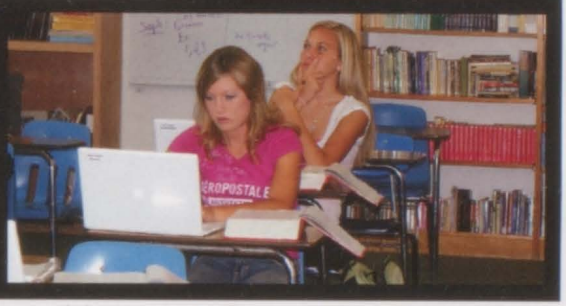
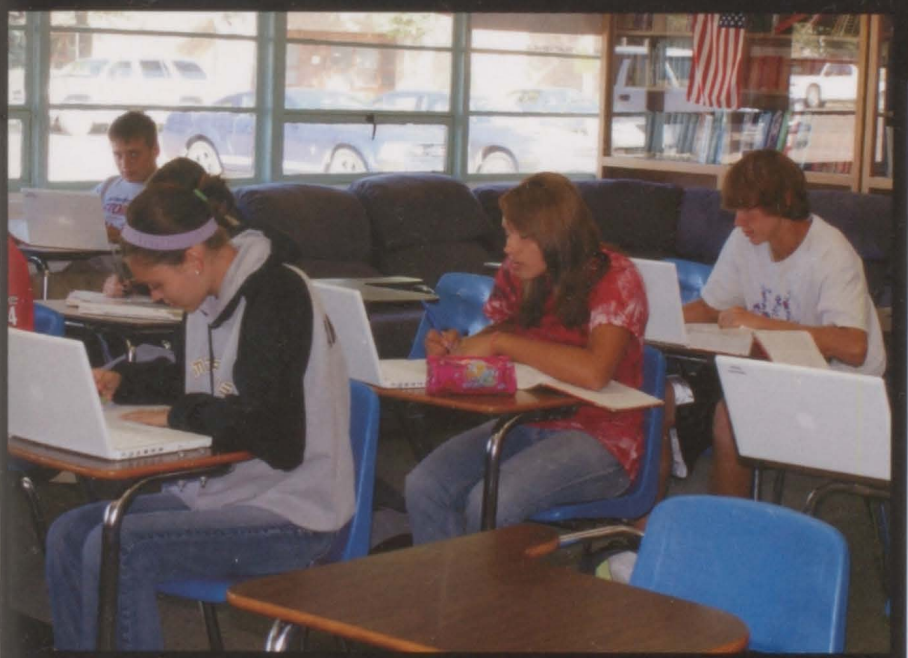
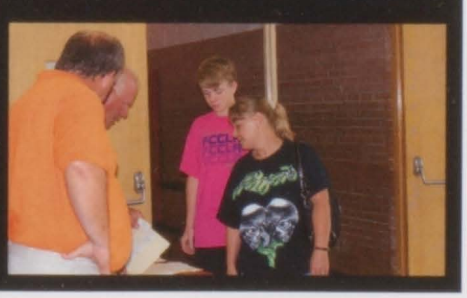
HPC gives laptops to every high school student











What an exciting year! One-to-One Computers. Roll out night was held August 25, 2009. Principal Cameron Hudson, Superintendent Stan Hendricks, Technology Coordinator Brent VanDeWalle, and others presented the guidelines, educated students and parents on requirements, and paper work was filled out. Each 9-12 HPC student walked out of the building with a Mac computer in hand. Students and teachers looked forward to using the new technology and apply learning opportunities in the classrooms. This also made it possible to have enough desktop computers at the middle school so that every students had computer availability.

Another technology development during the year was the creation of HPC TV. Every Friday a new web show would air with happenings from around the school. It was expected to be a 5-minute announcement deal, but it turned out to be a 15-minute episode featuring students, teachers, and an up-date on school events.

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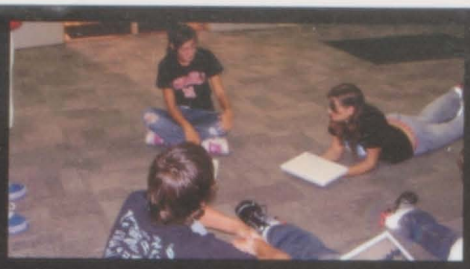

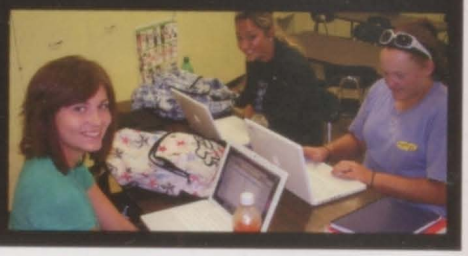

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The show had almost instant success. The first showing had 600 views. It all started with an announcement to see if anyone would be interested, and about 13 students attended that first meeting. This was not a part of any class, the group met at noon on Monday's and planned the content of the show. The entire project has been done at no added cost to the district, because the software was already available.

The one-to-one tech initiative was deemed a huge success. The comfort zone of using technology by teachers and students progressed greatly throughout the year. Students, especially, seniors, were very reluctant to check them in at the end of the year.

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NEWS

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HEALTH CARE

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The United States draws closer to providing health care for all with the passage of reform bills in both the House and the Senate.

President Obama orders an increase in troops in Afghanistan with a goal of starting to withdraw forces from the country in July 2011.

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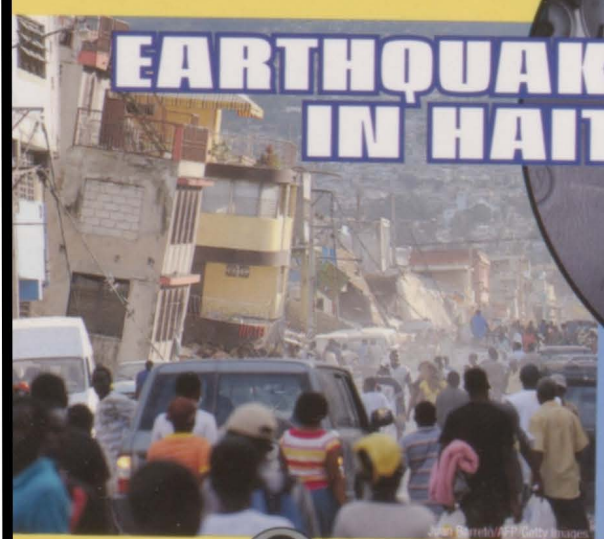
Haiti's earthquake – with a magnitude of 7.0 – is declared by the United Nations as the worst disaster it has ever confronted. Aid pours in from the United States and around the world.

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI



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A University of Utah study finds that texting while driving can be up to six times more dangerous than talking on a phone while driving.

THEN & NOW:

Price per gallon of gas in 2000: **$1.26**
2009: **$2.73**
swivel.com, consumeraffairs.com

Movie ticket price in 2000: **$5.39**
2009: **$7.35**
boxofficemojo.com, natoonline.org

VIEWS

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In August, Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice and only third female member in the top U.S. court's history.

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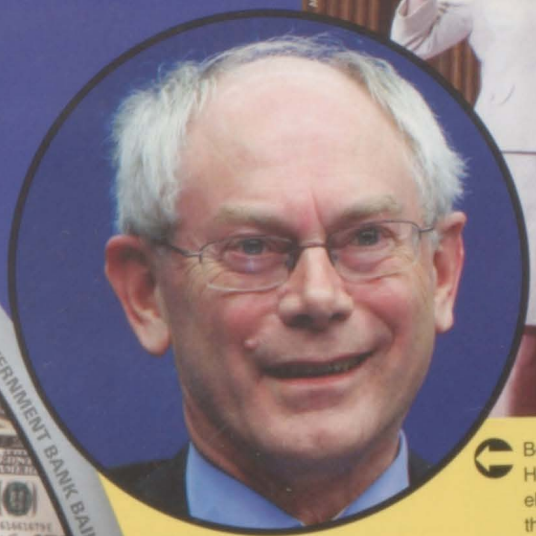

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Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy is elected the first president of the European Council (EU) under the Treaty of Lisbon.

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The H1N1 virus appears to affect teens more than typical flu viruses. Hand sanitizer is a commonplace sight in classrooms and other public spaces.

H1N1

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America honors the lives of 13 innocent victims of a tragic shooting spree at Fort Hood, Texas, in November.

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In efforts to make General Motors more economically viable, the company discontinues the Saturn brand and announces plans to phase out its Pontiac division.

Unemployment rate in 2000: **4%**
2009: **10%**

bls.gov

U.S. population in 2000: **281 million**
2009: **305 million**

census.gov

Facebook users 2000: **0**
2009: **350 million**

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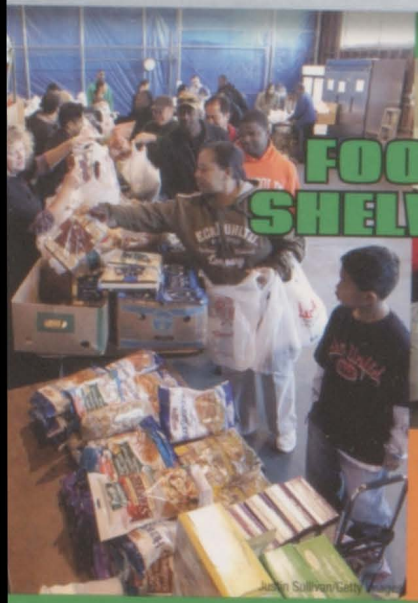
CHANGING WORLD

FOOD SHELVES



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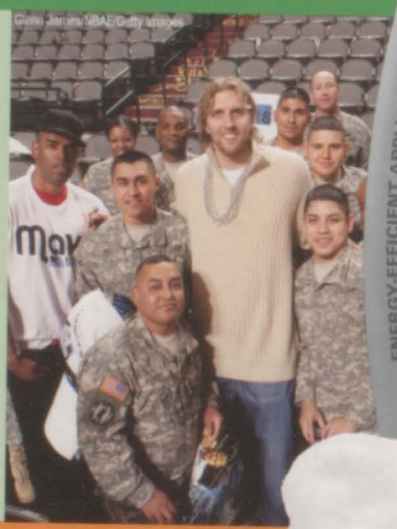
The number of first-time visitors to food shelves surges, as families cope with the economic recession. Food banks report that demand is up 30 percent on average.

The Armed Forces Network broadcasts five NBA games to U.S. troops on Christmas Day. The NBA gives the AFN broadcast rights for free.



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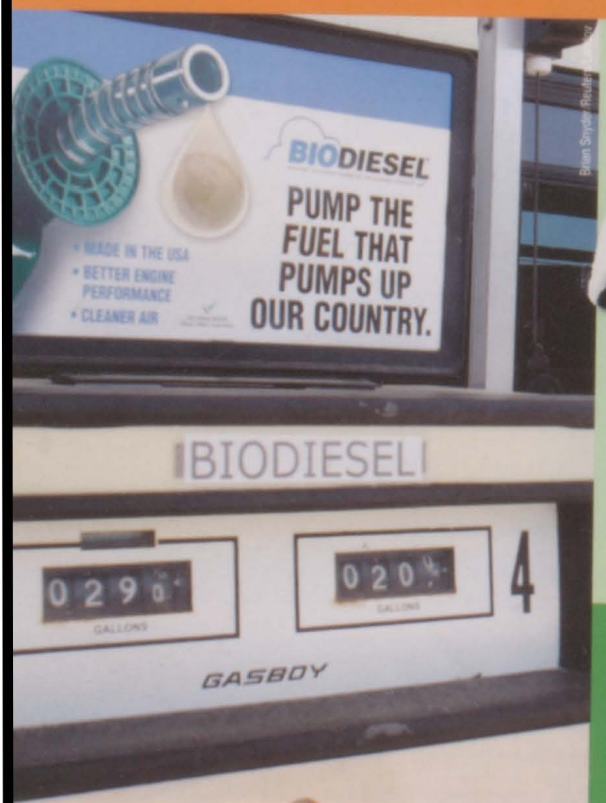
Consumers have more alternative fuel options as the number of biodiesel stations continues to grow across the United States.



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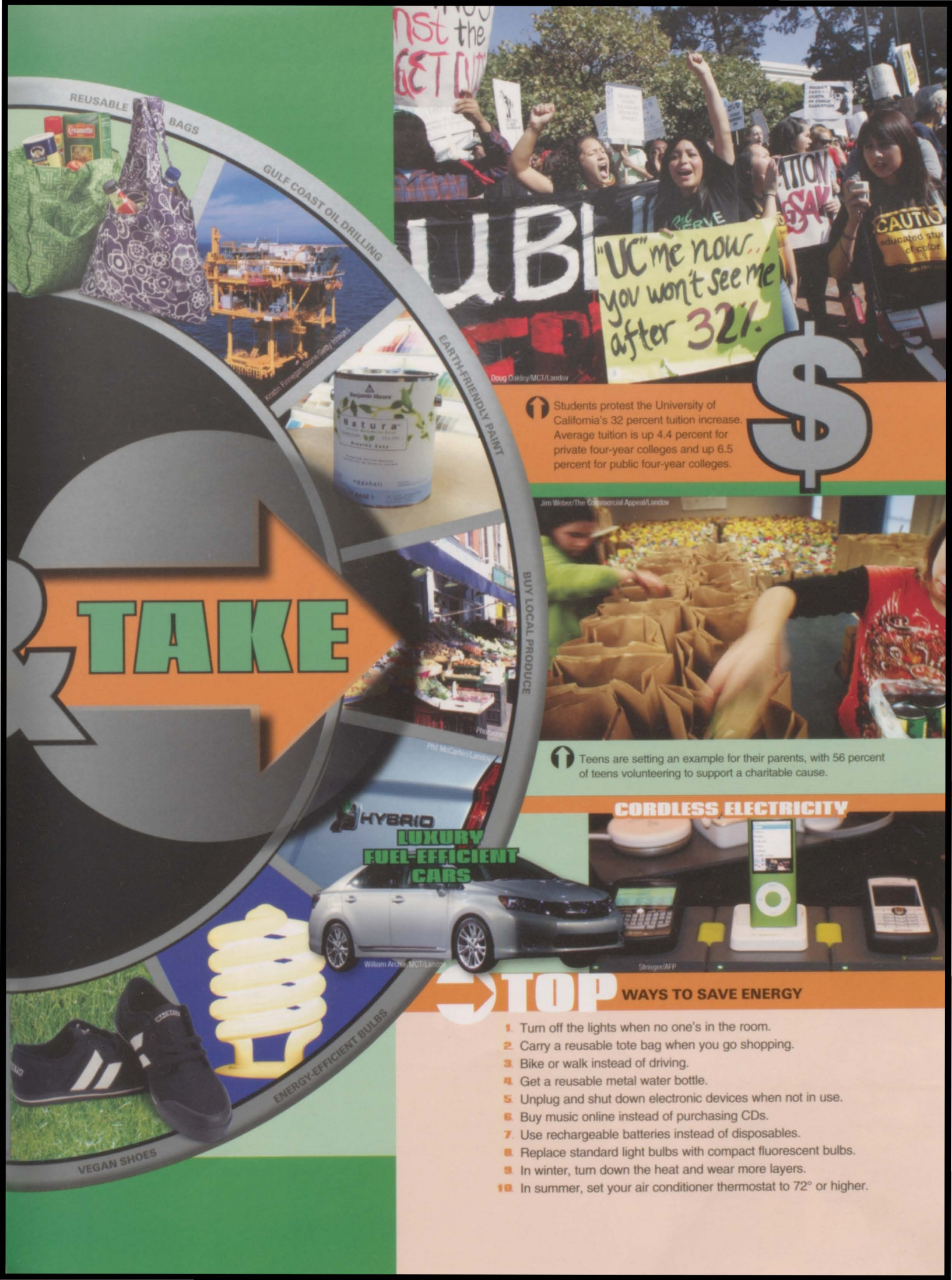
During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, pink products are everywhere: from printers to power tools, snowboards to golf balls, blow dryers to water bottles.



Students protest the University of California's 32 percent tuition increase. Average tuition is up 4.4 percent for private four-year colleges and up 6.5 percent for public four-year colleges.

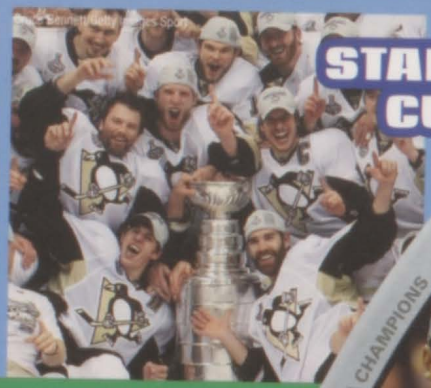
Teens are setting an example for their parents, with 56 percent of teens volunteering to support a charitable cause.

TOP WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1. Turn off the lights when no one's in the room.
2. Carry a reusable tote bag when you go shopping.
3. Bike or walk instead of driving.
4. Get a reusable metal water bottle.
5. Unplug and shut down electronic devices when not in use.
6. Buy music online instead of purchasing CDs.
7. Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposables.
8. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
9. In winter, turn down the heat and wear more layers.
10. In summer, set your air conditioner thermostat to 72° or higher.

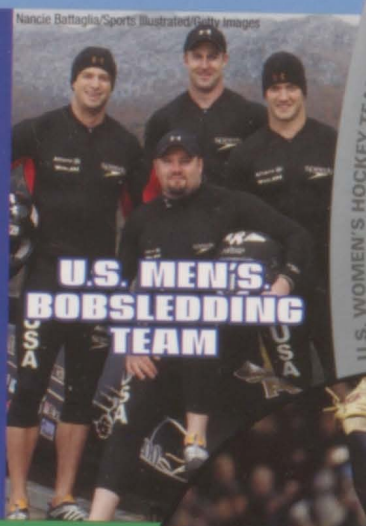
SPORTS

At the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide defeats the second-ranked Texas Longhorns to finish the Bowl Championship Series.

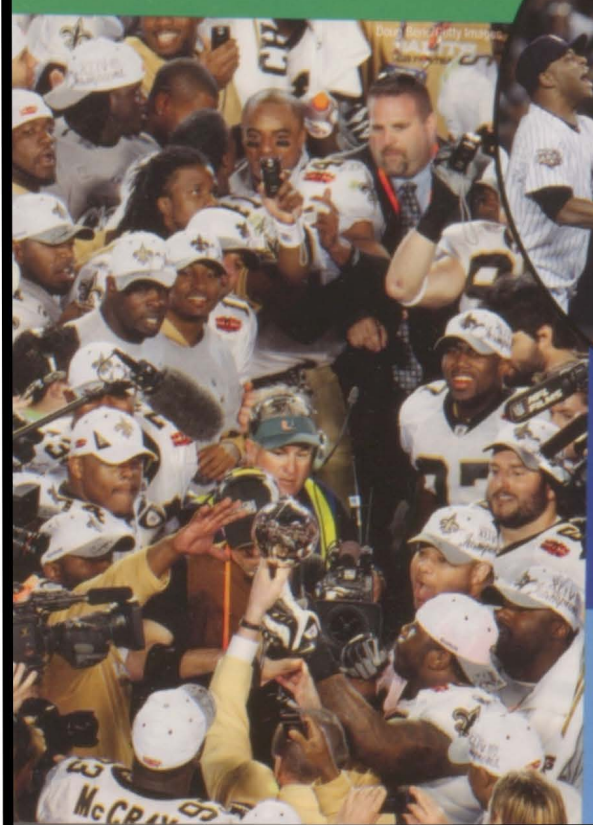


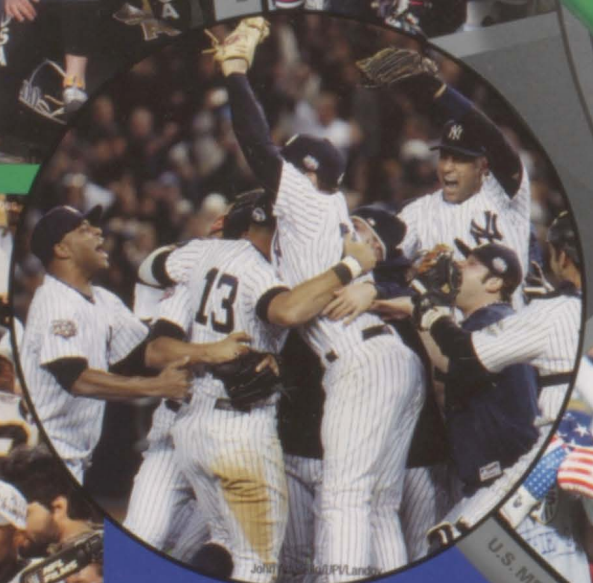
Sidney Crosby becomes the youngest captain to hoist the Stanley Cup as he leads the Pittsburgh Penguins to their third championship and first since 1992.

Team USA heads to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Winter Olympics. More than 200 athletes represent the United States at the XXI Olympic Winter Games.



The New Orleans Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV, their first championship title.





The New York Yankees capture their 27th World Series Championship when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies, four games to two.

PLAYERS

RYAN SHECKLER

LISA LESLIE RETIRES

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RACHAEL FLATT

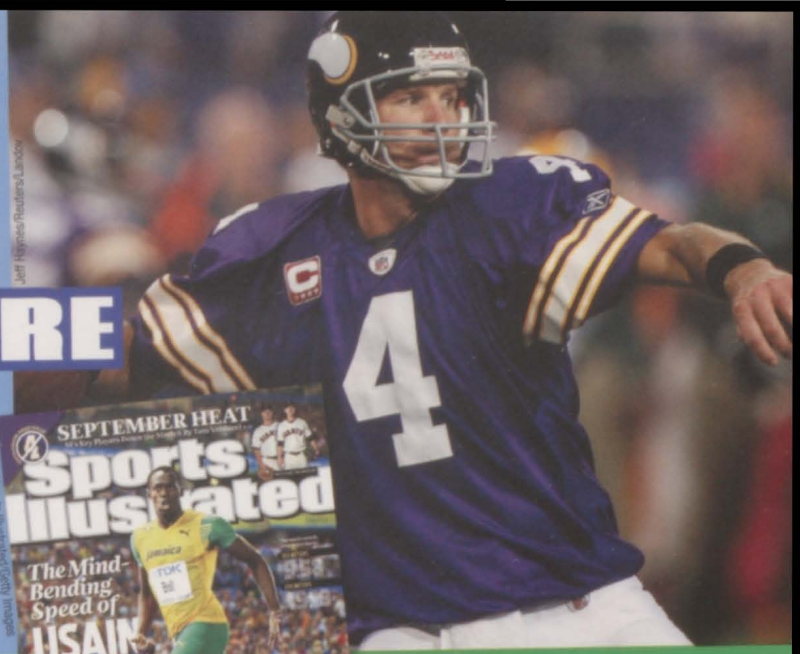
ROGER FEDERER

STEPHANIE GILMORE

JIMMIE JOHNSON

FAVRE

Brett Favre retires from retirement to lead the Minnesota Vikings. At 40, Favre continues to rewrite the record books, including the most-consecutive regular-season games.

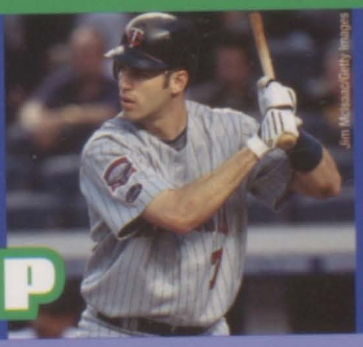


At the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Jamaican sprinter and three-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt beats his own 100-meter and 200-meter world records.

SHAUN WHITE

Shaun White leads a talented roster for the 2010 Olympic Snowboarding Team that also includes fellow gold medalists Kelly Clark, Hannah Teter and Seth Wescott.

MVP



Minnesota Twins' Joe Mauer becames only the second catcher in 33 years to win the American League Most Valuable Player Award, finishing first in a near-unanimous vote.

TOP GAMES/EVENTS OF THE DECADE

2008 Wimbledon final:
Rafael Nadal vs. Roger Federer
Super Bowl XLIII:
Steelers 27, Cardinals 23
World Series 2001, Game 7:
Diamondbacks 3, Yankees 2
2007 Fiesta Bowl:
Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42
2006 Rose Bowl:
Texas 41, USC 38
2008 Olympics:
100-meter men's butterfly, Michael Phelps
2009 Big East tournament:
Syracuse 127, UConn 117 (6 OT)
Super Bowl XLII:
Giants 17, Patriots 14
2002 NBA West finals, Game 7:
Lakers 112, Kings 106 (OT)
2005 UEFA Champions League final:
Liverpool beats AC Milan

MUSIC

After the release of their fifth studio album, the Black Eyed Peas launch The E.N.D. World Tour, with stops in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand.

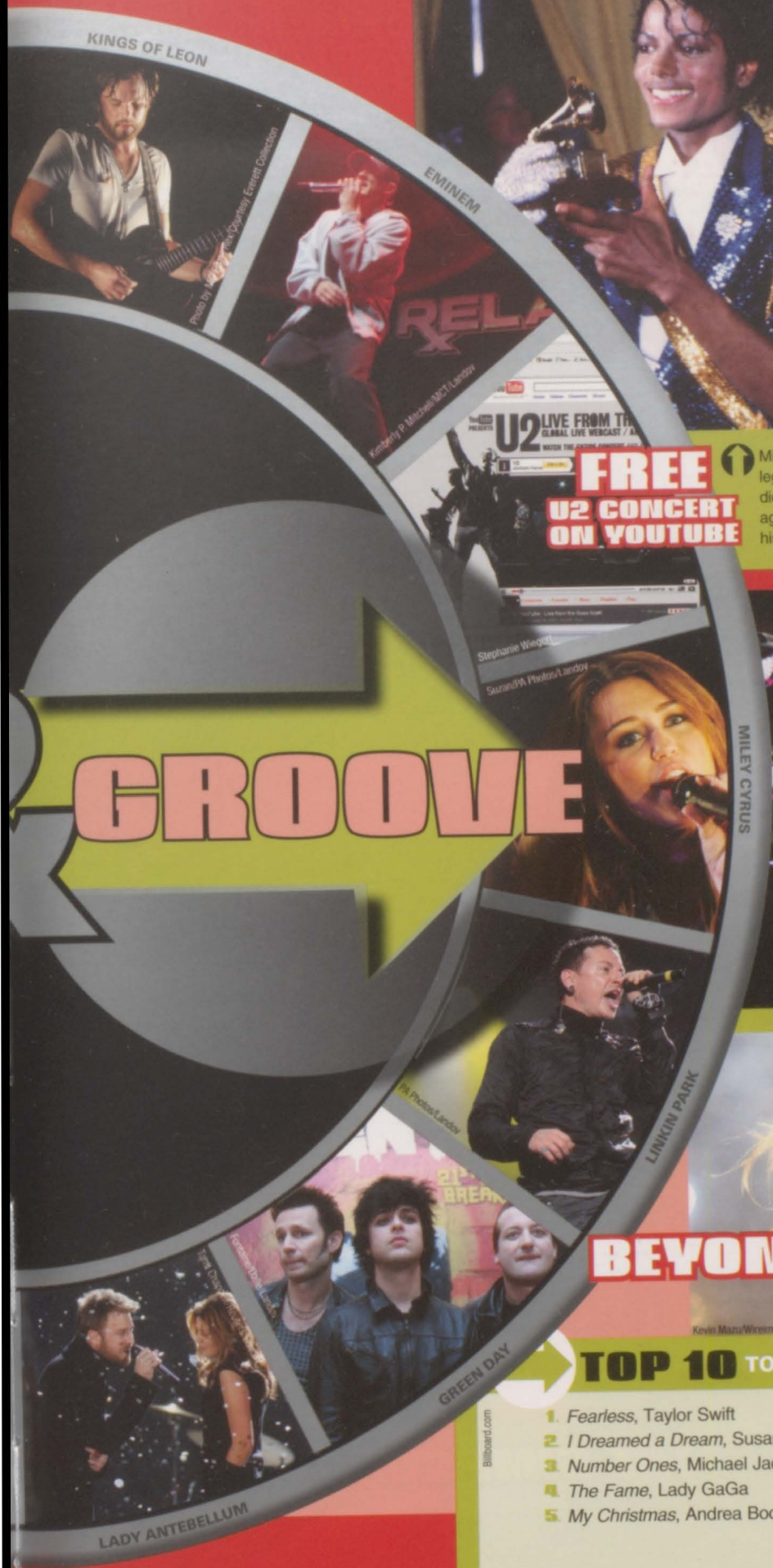
Mary Mary's album *Praiseworthy* reaches No.1 on *Billboard*'s Christian & Gospel Album Charts, No. 2 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Chart and No. 7 on the *Billboard* Top 200.

Paramore takes home the title of Favorite Rock Band at the MTV's People's Choice Awards. Lead singer Hayley Williams kept in touch by Tweeting with fans throughout the awards program.

Taylor Swift has an amazing year with four CMA Awards and the Grammy for Best Album of the Year.

Glee geeks go wild! Volume 1 of the *Glee* soundtrack features 17 songs from the hit Fox show about a struggling high school glee club.

GROOVE



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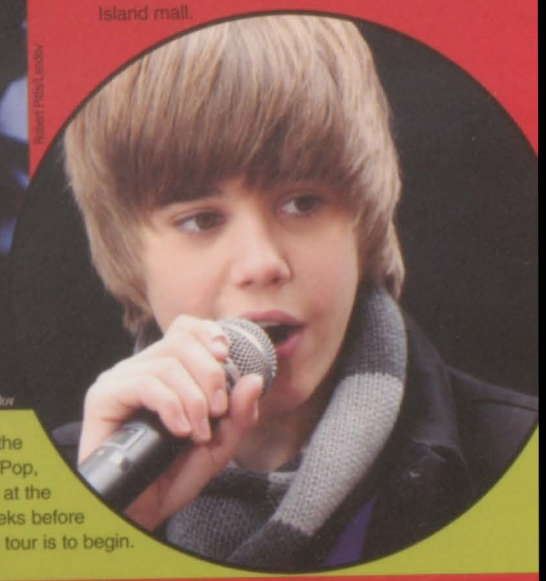
Justin Bieber parlays YouTube fame into a record deal. A crowd of more than 3,000 screaming fans forces him to cancel an appearance at a Long Island mall.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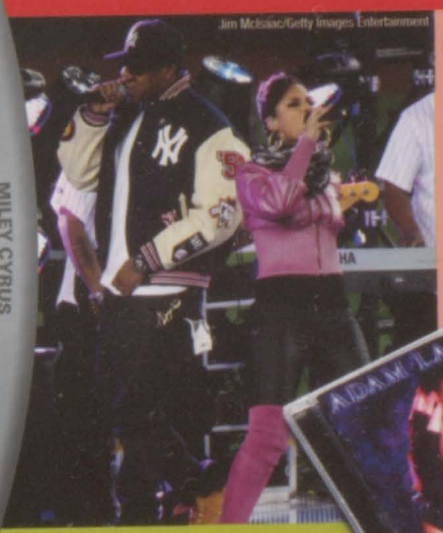
Michael Jackson, the legendary King of Pop, dies unexpectedly at the age of 50, just weeks before his *This Is It* world tour is to begin.

FREE U2 CONCERT ON YOUTUBE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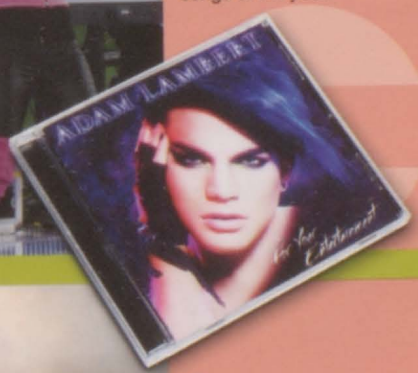
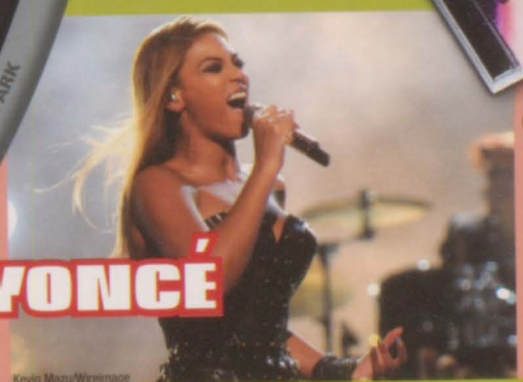
Alicia Keys guest stars on JayZ's album, *The Blueprint 3*. Their joint effort, "Empire State of Mind," is one of the most successful songs of the year.

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BEYONCÉ

Beyoncé broke the record for a female artist at the Grammys with six awards, including Song of the Year and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.

TOP 10 TOP-SELLING ALBUMS OF 2009

Billboard.com

1. *Fearless*, Taylor Swift
2. *I Dreamed a Dream*, Susan Boyle
3. *Number Ones*, Michael Jackson
4. *The Fame*, Lady GaGa
5. *My Christmas*, Andrea Bocelli
6. *Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack*, Hannah Montana
7. *The E.N.D.*, Black Eyed Peas
8. *Relapse*, Eminem
9. *The Blueprint 3*, Jay-Z
10. *Only By the Night*, Kings of Leon

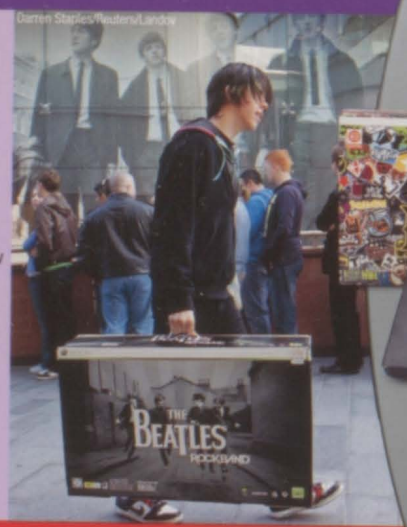
ENTERTAINMENT

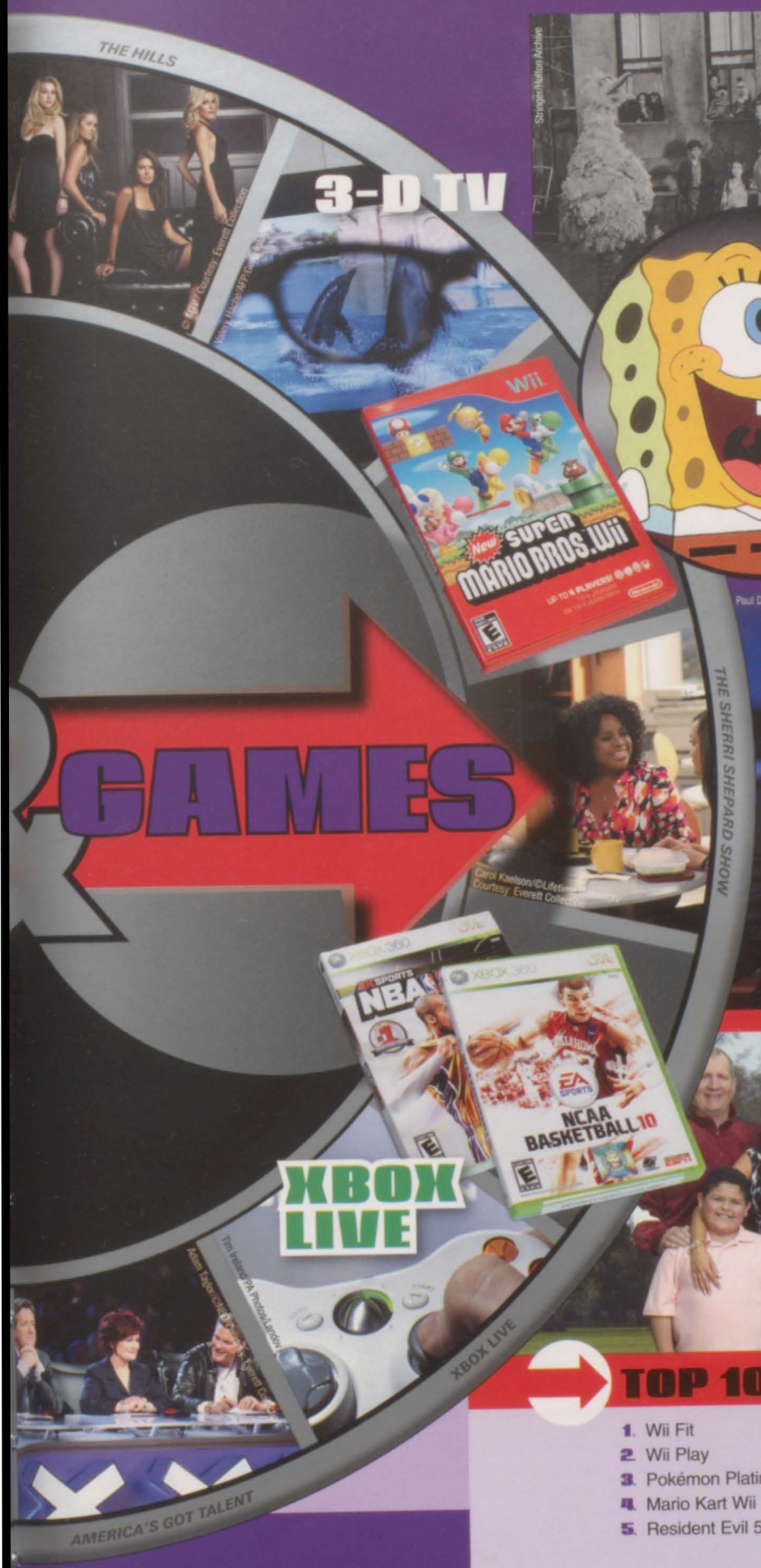
Tina Fey's acclaimed NBC comedy *30 Rock* receives a record 22 primetime Emmy Award nominations and wins five, including Best Comedy Series and Best Actor in a Comedy Series (Alec Baldwin).

Reality TV shows like CBS's *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race* continue to draw in viewers of all ages.

A new generation discovers the Fab Four. The Beatles: Rock Band is a smash hit among teens, parents and even grandparents!

New Fox hit TV show *Glee* takes home the Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy Television Series over such veteran shows as *The Office*, *30 Rock* and *Entourage*.





Sesame Street, the legendary PBS children's show, celebrates 40 years of ABCs and 123s with the likes of Cookie Monster, Oscar the Grouch and Big Bird.

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SpongeBob SquarePants celebrates 10 years on the air with the debut of *Truth or Square*, a Nickelodeon TV movie featuring celebrity guests and several shocking twists.

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LATE-NIGHT BATTLE

After just seven months, Conan O'Brien receives $45 million to surrender his position as host of *The Tonight Show* after NBC decides to return Jay Leno to his previous time slot.

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MODERN FAMILY

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TOP 10 TOP-SELLING VIDEO GAMES OF 2009

1. Wii Fit
2. Wii Play
3. Pokémon Platinum Version
4. Mario Kart Wii
5. Resident Evil 5 (Xbox 360)
6. Killzone 2
7. Call of Duty: World at War
8. Resident Evil 5 (PS3)
9. Halo Wars
10. Street Fighter IV

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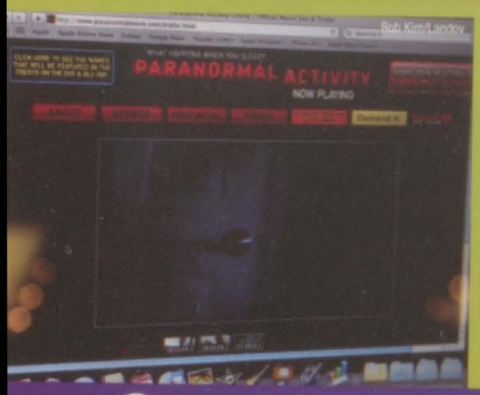
MOVIES



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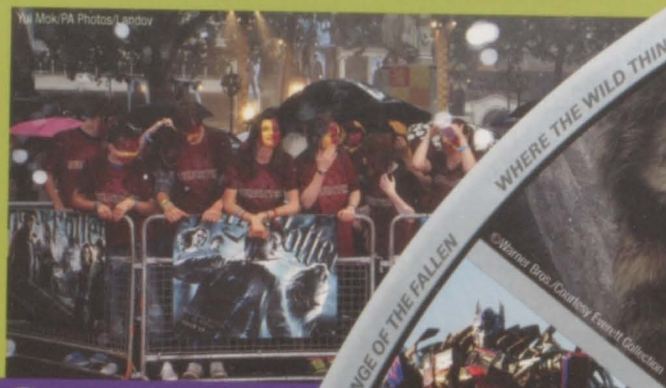
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After two weeks of limited sold-out shows, 1 million moviegoers submit online requests that cause the nationwide release of *Paranormal Activity*.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince raked in the biggest midnight earnings of all time, grossing $22.2 million at the box office.

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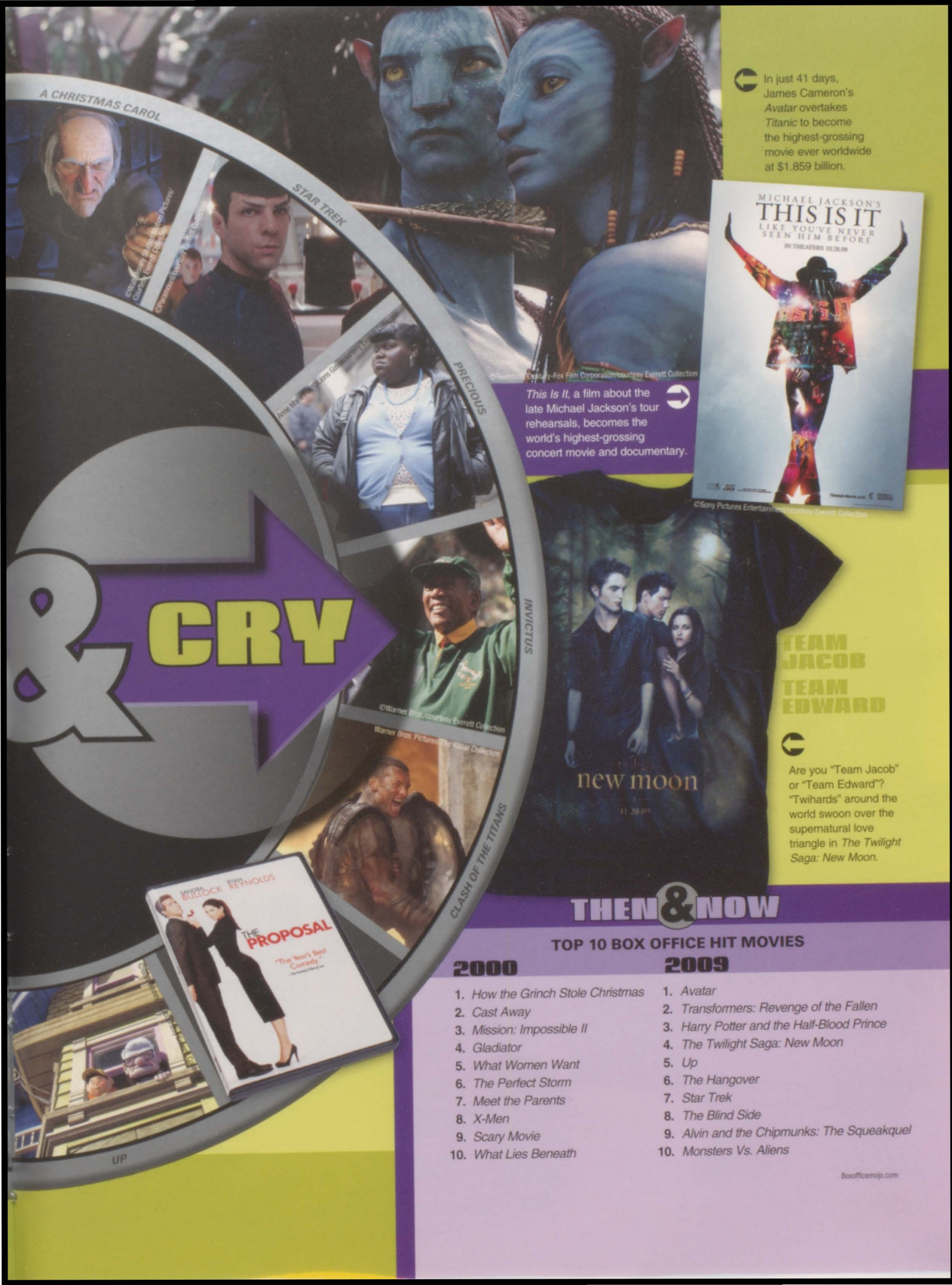
2012

Sandra Bullock wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Motion Picture–Drama for her performance in *The Blind Side*, based on the true story of Baltimore Ravens football player Michael Oher.



In just 41 days, James Cameron's *Avatar* overtakes *Titanic* to become the highest-grossing movie ever worldwide at $1.859 billion.

This Is It, a film about the late Michael Jackson's tour rehearsals, becomes the world's highest-grossing concert movie and documentary.

Are you "Team Jacob" or "Team Edward"? "Twihards" around the world swoon over the supernatural love triangle in *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*.

THEN & NOW

TOP 10 BOX OFFICE HIT MOVIES

2000	2009
1. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*	1. *Avatar*
2. *Cast Away*	2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*
3. *Mission: Impossible II*	3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
4. *Gladiator*	4. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*
5. *What Women Want*	5. *Up*
6. *The Perfect Storm*	6. *The Hangover*
7. *Meet the Parents*	7. *Star Trek*
8. *X-Men*	8. *The Blind Side*
9. *Scary Movie*	9. *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*
10. *What Lies Beneath*	10. *Monsters Vs. Aliens*

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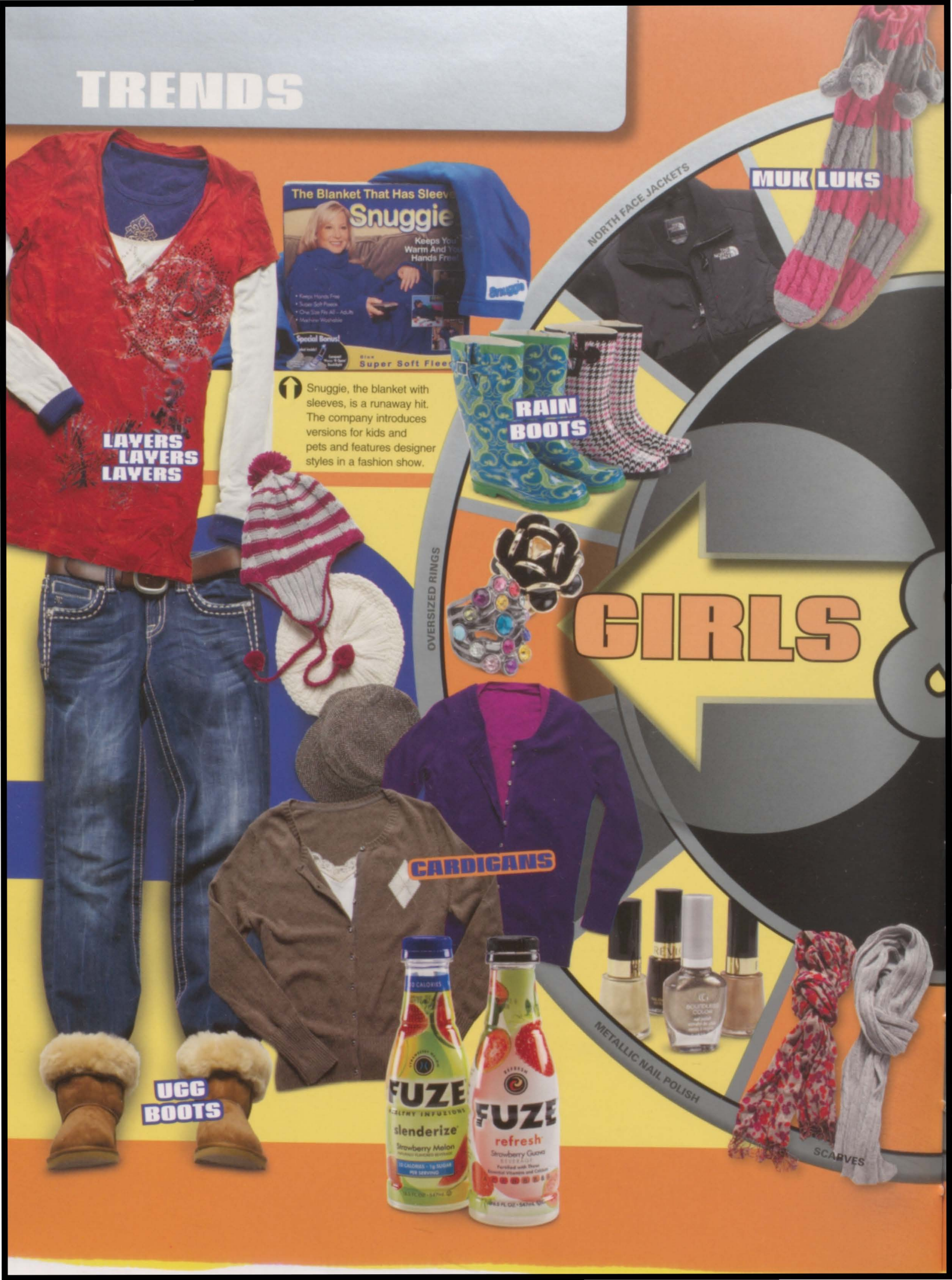
TRENDS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The Blanket That Has Sleeves
Snuggie
Keeps You Warm And Your Hands Free!
Special Bonus!
Super Soft Fleece
Snuggie, the blanket with sleeves, is a runaway hit. The company introduces versions for kids and pets and features designer styles in a fashion show.
NORTH FACE JACKETS
MUK LUKS
RAIN BOOTS
OVERSIZED RINGS
GIRLS
CARDIGANS
UGG BOOTS
FUZE
slenderize
Strawberry Melon
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refresh
Strawberry Guava
METALLIC NAIL POLISH
SCARVES

GUYS

Graphic tees, worn alone or paired with zip-front hoodies, are a comfortable way to make a style statement, promote your favorite band and express your individuality.

BOAT SHOES

CARGO SHORTS

EARFLAP HATS

AVIATOR SUNGLASSES

ENERGY DRINKS

PEA COATS

BASKETBALL SHOES

GIRLS & BOYS PLAID SHIRTS

BASKETBALL SHORTS

WORK BOOTS

TOP 10 FASHION TRENDS

1. Skinny jeans
2. Big '80s shoulders
3. Over-the-knee boots
4. Graphic tees
5. Hoodies
6. Animal prints
7. Rachel Roy bags
8. Ripped jeans
9. '90s grunge
10. Flared jeans

teenvogue.com, teenfashion.about.com

LIFESTYLE

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Quinceañeras, the Latin American culture's coming-of-age celebration on a girl's 15th birthday, are becoming larger and more elaborate like Sweet 16 parties.

SOCIAL NETWORKS

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Tim Ireland/PA Photos/Landov
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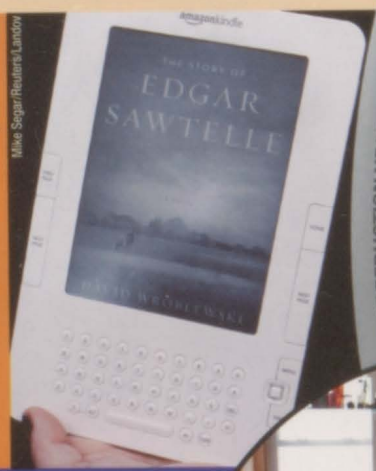
More than half (55 percent) of Americans ages 12-17 use social networking websites.

HOT

Now you can carry a whole library in a device the size of a hardcover. Consumers crave readers like Amazon's Kindle and the Sony Reader.



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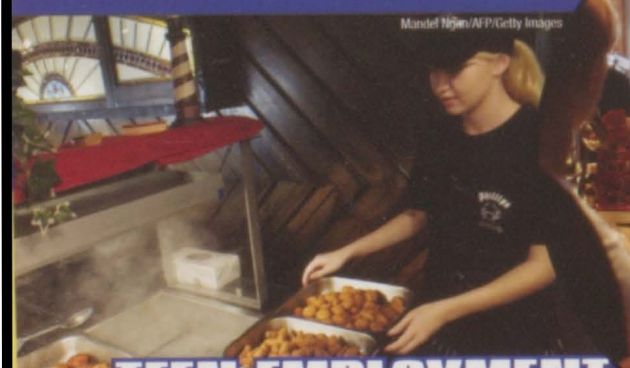
In January 2010, teen employment rates hit a record low of 26.2 percent due to a lack of entry-level jobs available at the minimum wage.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TEEN EMPLOYMENT

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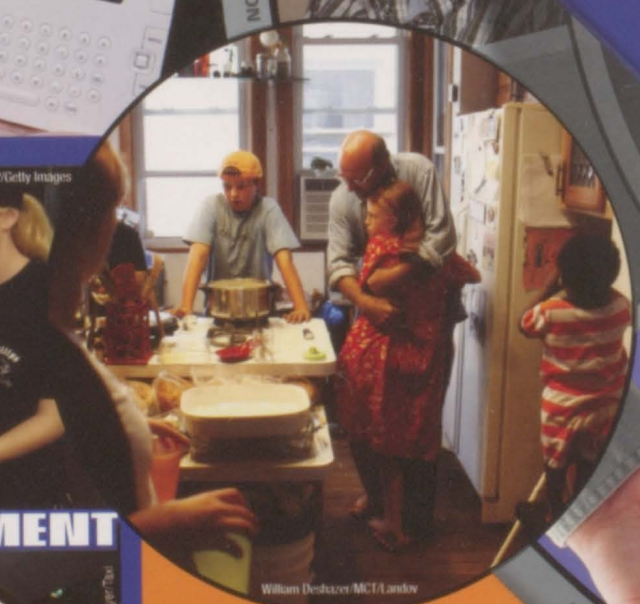
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Pass the potatoes, please. Busy families are cutting back on expensive take-out meals and making time to sit down together for healthier, home-cooked family dinners.

NOISE REDUCTION HEADPHONES

HAND SANITIZER

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CELL PHONES

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